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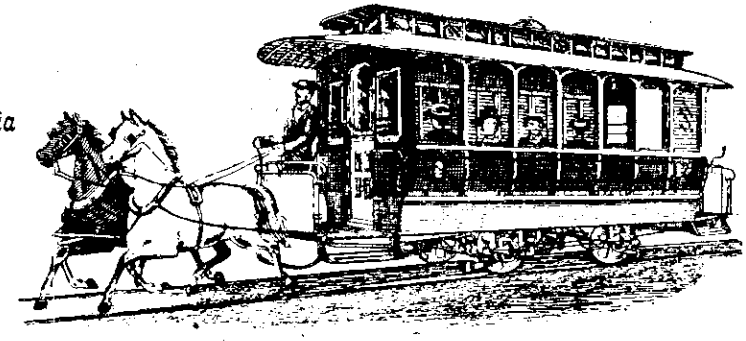

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Dues notices are included with this issue. If you have already paid your 1965 A.V.A. dues of $3.00, ignore the notice. If you have not paid yet, please do so immediately. Send $3 to the Secretary, Donald Mazeau - P.O. Box 31 - Clinton, Conn. 06413. If you do not pay your dues by March 1 you will be dropped from membership, and you will receive no more issues of The Fare Box. This is the last issue you'll receive if you haven't paid by then. In this regard, members who receive The Fare Box by airmail should make sure that they send their $1 to the Editor, or no more airmail. Airmail mailing is available to any member who sends $1 extra to the Editor, and see that the check is made out to "John M. Coffee, Jr."

Beginning with this issue, no more commemorative stamps will be used to mail The Fare Box. As a long-time stamp collector, the Editor regrets this move. But it took me over two hours to affix 880 commemorative stamps last month and I simply do not have the time. So we have secured a postage meter, which will be used on all copies of The Fare Box mailed out, except those which go airmail, and those that go overseas. Commemoratives will still be used on those two categories. If you really want the commemoratives, send me a letter with a commemorative stamp on it, and I shall see if I can send out a few with the stamps. No promises, and only a very few will still get the stamps. Speaking of stamps, I have a huge pile of plate blocks here, which I have been saving for no reason at all over the last few years. If any member would like to buy some plate blocks of commemorative stamps at face value plus postage & registration (if you want registration) write me. They will be of my choice, but I'll send you a nice selection for whatever amount of money you care to send me. Just remember to include enough to pay postage to mail them to you.

We are planning a section of The Fare Box to list "New Finds of the Month" by various collectors. If you picked up a rare token during the month, write and tell us about it, and it will go into the New Finds department, to make everyone else envious of your good fortune.

This issue of the Fare Box has 20 pages, the largest issue in history. There was such a large backlog of articles that we had to go over our usual 16-page limit to help clear the decks, although we still have lots more on hand. In this respect, Joe Kotler's excellent story on Istanbul tokens herein should have mentioned his appreciation to Mr. Arikan, Turkish Consul in Chicago, and to our friend Mr. Hazevoet. Incidentally it is costing the A.V.A. over $60.00 for postage to mail out this issue.

= APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP =

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= TWENTY-NINE A.V.A. MEMBERS SPONSORED 101 APPLICANTS IN 1964 =
By Joseph Mark Kotler

In the next to last sentence of Volume 18, page 2, of The Fare Box, a goal of 100 new members was set for 1964. We surpassed it, but just barely. This represented a 13% growth in applicants. This is the first year the A.V.A. has topped 100 new members. With continued effort from our many supporters it won't be the last. John Coffee led all proposers of applicants with thirty-two. The list follows:

Coffee (32); Hinde, Mazeau, Rider (7 each); Carman (6); H.D. Allen (5); Kotler (4); Clymer and Edell (3 each); Edkins, Perkins, Schwartz, Schmalgemeier, Targonsky, Tauscher, Webb (2 each); and the following sponsored one member apiece: Biery, Bockus, Brandt, Clark, DiMichael, Feisel, Ferguson, Fouts, Goyette, Joseph, Murdock, Super, Zervas.

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= THIS IS YOUR LAST FARE BOX UNLESS YOUR DUES ARE PAID BY MARCH 1 =

= CLOUDY'S FERRY OF VERMILION, OHIO =

The two tokens listed as Unidentified #50 and 51 had long intrigued us, and we always figured that whoever first learned where they were from would reap a bonanza, because the two dates on the tokens indicated that there were probably more varieties with other dates on them.

It is a principle of the Catalogue Committee that no token can elude an A.V.A. member indefinitely. This was proven recently when Donald Punshon learned the origin of these tokens. He did not, however, inform the Catalogue Committee immediately, as he wanted to see what else he could find out. Meanwhile, working independently, Don Mazeau was busy. He read Brother Punshon's article about the Steamer Pearl token in a recent Fare Box, and noted that credits were listed at the end of the article. He figured that if these places provided good information on the Steamer Pearl, why not see if they could supply good information on the Cloudy's Ferry token. Sure enough, they could, and did. So two A.V.A. members, working independently of each other, found the home of the Cloudy's Ferry tokens. We gave credit to Punshon in the Supplement because he found it first, and because it was his information in the Steamer Pearl article that put Mazeau on the scent.

Piecing together what Mazeau and Punshon learned about the ferry, we can state the following: The man who issued the token was named Louis Noel, and he was of Portuguese ancestry, but everyone in town called him "Captain Cloudy," for some reason. He started in business with a sailing yawl about 1898, and later bought a gas-operated ferry boat named the "Gertrude" about the year 1912. This was a 24-foot passenger boat, and it operated across the Vermilion River between Linwood Park and Vermilion, a distance of 150 feet. However, because of currents in the river, the boat generally had to travel about 1,200 feet zig-zagging, to make the crossing. The fare was 5¢ round trip, and a token was used for the return portion of the trip. It was possible to make the crossing by means of a bridge, but this involved a walk of about a mile out of the way. Hence the popularity of his ferry. However, we went out of business about 1920 or thereabouts, put out of business by the motorcars. People didn't mind driving a mile out of their way if they could take their cars with them, which they couldn't do if they took the ferry.

Captain Cloudy was known locally as a great "character." He would delight the passengers on his ferry with such little ditties as "Robin Redbreast sittin' on a pole," while he chewed tobacco. Maiden aunts kept their distance, but everyone else enjoyed him, his habits, and his stories.

There has been publicity in the local newspapers, but no tokens have turned up. So it appears at the moment as though the two Cloudy's Ferry tokens will be rarities, and especially interesting collectors' items.

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= THE CHIEF HACK LINE =

By John A. Backora

The Chief Hack Line was operated in New Lexington, Perry County, Ohio, about 75 years ago. The line ran a distance of about one mile between the railroad station and the two local hotels uptown. The line commenced operations around 1890, and the first owner was Thomas Holden. Later on many others acted as partners and assisted in the operation of the line. These included a Mr. King, John W. Holden, and Arthur Hayes. The line was operated at times by partnership. The Chief Hack Line tokens were used around 1905, and probably for a number of years before that.

An interesting sidelight related by one of the town's old-timers was that one of the drivers was quite a colorful character. He would enter the hotel lobby and yell quite loudly, "Railrud!" (railroad). Woe betide the individual who delayed in answering the summons, for the driver would wait only a few brief moments and depart for the railroad station.

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= DON'T FORGET TO MAIL IN YOUR 1965 A.V.A. DUES =

To Highest Cash Bidder 15 days after publication date - 4 horse mail coach 1/2 penny copper token "payable in London - a token of gratitude for benefits rece.d from the establishment of mail coaches" - "to trade expedition & to property protection." Fine condition.
G.W. Gallagher, Jr. - 568 Pine Tree Road - Jenkintown, Pa. 19046

FOR SALE - 1958,1959,1960, back issues of The Fare Box, complete and in good cond.
Ralph W. Winant - 500 W. Summit Ave. - Wilmington, Del. 19804

Ill 370 B, the old Webb Ferry token: I have 19 of these for sale at $1 each plus 5¢ stamped envelope. These are a different die from those distributed by the New Issues Service a few years back. First come first served. Also still have a few Mass 550 A at 25¢, 550 C at $1.00, 550 D at $1.25, plus stamped envelope.
J.M. Coffee, Jr. - P.O. Box 1204 - Boston, Mass. 02104

ANY FERRY TOKENS among your duplicates? Let's swap! I have many non-numismatic items to trade. My list free. Yours appreciated.
R.S. Croom - 867 W. 42nd Street - Norfolk, Va. 23508

Best Cash Offer 2 weeks after Fare Box: Fla 530 H; Mont 320 Aa Ab (restrikes); Pa 445 C; DC 500 AC; Mass 115 N O P Q S T U; Parking tokens: NJ 3445 A; Pa 3075 A, 3105 A, 3545 A, 3635 A, 3880 A, 3987 B.
George W. Diehl - Fort Loudon, Pa. 17224

10 different U.S. transportation tokens plus 10 German notgeld currency, $1 postpd.
Robert Gaarder - 1041 Alexander Circle - Pueblo, Colo.

Sale to best offer 2 weeks after Fare Box. Bid separately: British Columbia 700 A B; Quebec 345 B C; Penna 15 E.
G.W. Gallagher - 568 Pine Tree Road - Jenkintown, Pa. 19046

"ANGELS FLIGHT" by Walt Wheelock; map, charts, and photos. The story of the Los Angeles inclined Ry. that has its name on pattern tokens, 36 pages, $1. "THE SHIPS COLONIES & COMMERCE TOKENS OF CANADA" a revision of W.A.D. Lee's classifications, the best work on an historic series. Table, plates & variety finder. 16 pages, $1.50. Postage 10¢ per book. Token: Ill 3150 O at 30¢ each.
J.M. Kotler, Bookseller - 725 Greenleaf Avenue - Glencoe, Ill. 60022

FOR SALE - Mich 370 G at $2; Nev 100 A & B at 75¢ each plus a stamped envelope. For sale to high bidder, Ind 500 A. Offers close 2 weeks after Fare Box on Ind 500 A.
John A. Backora - 83 Markey Street - Bellville, Ohio 44813

WANTED: Arkansas transportation & trade tokens, wooden nickels, incased cents, masonic chapter pennies, commemorative medals & tokens. Will trade same from other states for Arkansas.
Walter Hinkle - 511 North 34th - Fort Smith, Ark. 72901

Send 5 diff. TT's and receive 5 diff. in return, or will trade my foreign coins double Yeoman for Atwood. Also to highest bid in different TT's 2 weeks after Fare Box, 1723 Hibernia 1/2 cent VG (see page 21, Redbook, Colonial Coinage).
Don McKelvey - 2822 19th Avenue - Port Huron, Mich. 48060

Still have Ohio 730 B C D E F for sale or trade, prefer trades. Also others. Send list of trades please. Would like to trade Colo 260 P & Q for tokens of equal value.
George H. Sanders - 1570 So. Quieto Court - Denver, Colo. 80223

For Those Not on New Issues Service - Ky 45 B, 40¢ plus stamped envelope. Supply is limited. = Lee Hope - 300 S. Parker Drive - Evansville, Ind. 47714

Calif 575 A, 815 D; Ia 850 P; Md 60 T; Ohio 175 AC; Pa 455 C; Tenn 600 M; Wis 410 Ca (cleft at left apex of "A" in "Madison") Wis 410 Cb (same, except now raised lines from cracked dies. Rim to left edge of horizontal line of center design on obv., also on rev. from rim to bottom of "2" in "1/2") Bids close in 15 days. High bid cut to 10% above second high.
A.H. Erickson - 3125 N. 49th St. - Milwaukee, Wis. 53216

Have acquired a quantity of Military Tokens from ROCKER'S ROOST, CANNON AIR FORCE BASE, CLOVIS, NEW MEXICO. A set of 5¢, 10¢, 25¢ and 50¢ aluminum tokens are for sale at $2.50. Also a few sutler tokens (Curto & Schwartz #91) J.A. GARMAN, SUTLER, 54 PA. VOLS. in denominations of 3¢, 10¢, and 25¢. These brass sutler pieces are available at $15.00 per token.
Sam Rabinowitz - 170-06 88th Avenue - Jamaica, N.Y. 11432

WILL TRADE Unid. #95 listed in Dec. 1964 Fare Box for best offer.
Marie A. Johnson - Box 355 - Tecumseh, Mich. 49286

January Auction (bidding closes 3 weeks after Fare Box): Ala 750 G; Alas 300 H, 450 B H, 800 A; Cal 450 K; Conn 560 I; Fla 380 E F H J P, 530 H; Ill 150 Y Z, 285 B, 475 C, 530 A E, 795 A; Ind 275 A B; Ia 600 A, 740 A, 930 C; Ky 510 AE AK; Md 60 N; Mass 115 X AA; Mich 360 A, 470 A; Minn 600 A B; Mo 440 T U, 910 N; Neb 440 F, 540 Y; Pa 750 AT (Unc.); Germany 480 C; Sweden 300 B, 820 G AE AU AB BO FN FT GL HA HJ HZ.
John G. Nicolosi - 3002 Galindo St. - Oakland, Calif. 94601

NEW YORK 3629 D available for $3 cash or $2 catalogue in trade. What have you that I can use? Will consider all fair trades, in parking tokens, transp. tokens & foreigh transp. tokens.
Foster B. Pollack - 1841 Broadway, Rm 808 - New York, N.Y. 10023

A limited edition of the SUPPLEMENT TO ATWOOD'S CATALOGUE will be ready before March 1. This will include all issues published thru December 1964 Fare Box as well as complete index of all parking tokens. $1.50 a copy, postpaid. Send checks to NORTH EASTERN VECTURIST ASSN. - 1841 Broadway, Rm 808 - New York, N.Y. 10023.

For Trade, send your 5 different or 10 different trans. tokens. I will send 5 diff. or 10 diff. Also have Pa 25 D, 70 A B, 775 B; ND 960 A, to trade for your 25¢ tokens. Publishing list of several hundred duplicate tokens Feb. 1. Send name & address if you want to reserve a copy.
Jack E. Carman - R.R. 3 - Box 250 - Edwardsburg, Mich. 49112

Mo 370 C Da Db E F G H I J K trade for TT I need or sale at catalogue. Your trade list for mine. Minn 50 L M N Oa Ob P Q, trade for TT I Need or give me a bid on what you need. See Nov. Fare Box page 148 on mail bids on Minn 50 tokens.
Gordon Wold - Route 1 - Princeton, Minn. 55371

All New York tokens are wanted. I'll trade La 670 A or D for ANY one, no limit. Also a replica of a 1778 $20 bill for any one, again no limit. I'm also selling 10 diff. trans. tokens for only 75¢ (no larger lots available) or any 7 N.Y. trans. tokens. Postage is a must for every trade. All phone tokens wanted, also the rarer N.Y. and Pa. tokens.
Larry Edell - 104-27 117 Street - Richmond Hill, N.Y. 11419

WANTED TO BUY: transportation tokens from all states, scarce as well as common varieties. I need lots of them so please send me your list. I am a new member so have cash only, nothing to trade. Will send the new Santa Barbara token, Calif 815 D at 25¢ plus stamped addressed envelope.
Norman E. Sherman - 4295 Marina Drive - Santa Barbara, Calif. 93105

Staten Island Rapid Transit Ry. Co. - Perth Amboy Division Special Fare Work Tickets dated October 1904. Each page contained 4 tickets - RR going west; ferry to N.Y.; ferry from N.Y.; R.R. going east. 5-3/4 unused pages intact in book, excellent condition. Best offer in 2 weeks.
Ray Goyette - 8 Barry Drive - West Orange, N.J. 07052

OKLAHOMA 3700 A - have 2 specimens of this hard-to-get token which I will trade for the two best offers in trans. or parking tokens received within 15 days. Also have both vars. of Tex 3275 B which were reported last month, to trade for any other 15¢ parking tokens. If you want just the Tex 3275 B tokens go ahead and ship, don't write first; I'll accept any 15¢ parking tokens.
T.M. Murdock - P.O. Box 411 - Mesquite, Texas

Auction to highest bidder: Mo 350 D; Ohio 165 U V W Z AB, 175 Y Z, 230 R, 440 B C D E, 450 D, 520 A B C D, 600 A; Ore 20 B C, 130 A, 160 E- 700 A G(ups) H(ups), 800 B, 970 A. (ups = unpunched solid). Horsecar token duplicates to trade: Kans 640 A, 880 A, Iowa 590, Maine 480 A. What have you to offer?
Harold Ford - 1999 Gaspar Drive - Oakland, Calif. 94611

TO HIGHEST BIDDER, lot #1 56 pages and 24 countries of Atwood Check List of Foreign Transp. Tokens. Lot #2 same only 11 pages and 9 countries. Lot #3 27 pages of Ken Smith's check list of foreign transp. tokens...all collectors' items themselves. Also all br. Unc. Ohio 175 V Wa Y Z AA AC; Pa 15 E.
Larry Freeman - 2427 Torrington Avenue - Parma, Ohio 44134

WOULD LIKE TO TRADE transportation tokens for Civil War store cards (esp. ones from Mich.) Have many tokens and some high values.
Mike Taylor - 226 N. Ridgeway - Battle Creek, Mich. 49015

Quebec 190 B or Quebec 3620 B in exchange for any token cataloguing 25¢ or more.
J. Douglas Ferguson - Rock Island, Quebec

SPECIAL: February only! 100 different transportation tokens and 100 blank 2x2 coin envelopes (kraft), $13.75 postpaid. Save money: buy your kraft coin envelopes by mail from me at 30¢ per 100, 500 for $1.40, or 1000 for $2.50, all postpaid.
Kenneth V. Hayes, Jr. - 5 Arbor Way. - Lafayette, Calif. 94549

FOR SALE AS PRICED: NC 380 D, 690 C D E, 980 H I; SC 500 B, 55¢ each. NC 290 B, 75¢ each. NC 380 C E, 880 A, 980 C; SC 310 B, 880 A B, $1.10 each. NC 130 A, $1.55 ea. SC 997 A B C, $1.80 each. NC 450 E, 770 B, 880 B, $2.05 each. NC 290 D, $2.80 ea. NC 710 A to highest bid by Feb. 28. Have some of package 202 N.C. & S.C., $12.00, see May 1964 Fare Box ad.
Odell Morgan - Route 1 - Midland, N.C. 28107

ATWOOD'S CATALOGUE OF U.S. & CANADIAN TRANSPORTATION TOKENS, 2nd Edition, the official standard catalogue of the A.V.A., 480 pages plus 27 plates of photographs and index of obverse inscriptions, cloth bound, price $7.50 postpaid to non-members, or $5.50 postpaid to A.V.A. members. Also still have a few 1958 editions of Atwood's Catalogue for sale at $3.50 apiece postpaid, only to those who already own the 2nd edition. 1958 edition is valuable for its 22 plates of tokens not in 2nd edition.
American Vecturist Assn. - P.O. Box 1204 - Boston, Mass. 02104

RULES CONCERNING ADVERTISEMENTS IN THE FARE BOX -

Every A.V.A. member is entitled to a free ad in each issue of The Fare Box, up to 6 lines per issue, but no more than six. If your ad exceeds 6 lines, the section over 6 lines will be cut out, unless you state that you wish to be billed for the excess at the new advertising rates of 50¢ per line.

Henceforth all auctions to highest bidder will be assumed to close two weeks after publication of The Fare Box, and those words will no longer be included in ads.

No auctions to highest bidder may include tokens cataloguing at 15¢. The Editor does not have the time to check every token listed in an auction, but if I come across any 15¢ token in any "To Highest Bidder" ad, the entire ad will be cut out of that issue. Thus, tokens listed for auction must catalogue at 20¢ or more each. The 15¢ tokens may be listed for sale at any specified sum, or for trade, but not for auction

Each ad must be on a separate sheet of paper and include name & address and zip code. Please do not send in more than one ad per issue, and remember that your ad should be different each month.

When sending money to the Editor to purchase catalogues or for any other purpose, please make check payable to "John M. Coffee, Jr." and not to A.V.A. This makes it much easier to cash them. Canadian members must send Canadian postal money orders drawn in U.S. funds, or checks payable on a U.S. bank.

Henceforth any member running an auction in his free ad in The Fare Box must make a correct List of Prices Realized available to The Fare Box upon request.

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= PRICES REALIZED AT HAROLD FORD'S OCTOBER AUCTION =

ALL NEW YORK:	360 A....$3.56	629 Ker..$4.56	735 A.....$2.96	800 A.....$7.26
25 A.....$3.56	365 A.....2.56	629 L.....3.56	735 B.....1.76	810 A.....5.26
70 A..... .50	385 A.....6.26	630 I.....5.26	735 C.....1.76	810 B..... .55
75 A.....3.01	410 A.....3.56	630 AJ....3.01	735 D.....1.76	945 A.....7.26
105 B.....3.56	505 A..... .50	690 A.....2.25	745 A.....1.80	980 A.....3.56
230 G.....1.51	575 A.....3.56	715 A..... .55	780 D.....1.35	998 H.....4.51

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= THE BIGGEST BARGAIN IN NUMISMATICS - YOUR $3 A.V.A. DUES =

= ISTANBUL AND SOME INTERCONTINENTAL TOKENS =

By J.M. Kotler

Most collectors are aware that we have several dual nationality tokens. These are used for tunnel, bridge, and ferryboat transit between the United States and Canada, and the U.S. and Mexico. I now have the pleasure of reporting six new ferry tokens used between Europe and Asia at Istanbul, Turkey. These plus an inclined plane-subway token were found on a recent visit to that city. All are currently in use. It may even be possible for the New Issues Service to obtain a supply.

The ferry lines are operated by the state-owned Denizcilik Bankasi T.A.O. (Maritime Bank, Incorporated) which has the operating franchise for the Turkish Maritime Lines. Boats depart from the foot of the Galata Bridge over the Golden Horn and traverse the Bosporus in 20 minutes for docks at Kadiköy and Haydarpasa on the Asian shore. The tokens and translations follow:

DENIZCILIK BANKASI T.A.O. S.H.IS. (2 ANCHORS, STAR & CRESCENT)

Bz 24 Sd	Memur	Sehir	Hatlari	I
Bz 24 Sd	Subay	"	"	"
WM 24 Sd	Tam	"	"	"
Bz 25 Ch	Er	"	"	II
B 25 Ch	Tam	"	"	"
B 24 Sd	Ögrenci	"	"	

[All pieces have "D.B." and a leaf design on the edge.]

S.H.IS. = "Sehir Hatlari Isletmesi" (City Lines Operations)
T.A.O. = "Turk Anonim Ortakligi" (incorporated)
Denizcilik Bankasi = Maritime Bank
Sehir Hatlari = City Lines
Memur = Employee
Subay = Military officers
Er = Military, non-officers (privates)
Tam = Complete (full fare)
Ogrenci = Student (from Turkish derivation)

The pieces bearing the Roman numeral "I" are for First Class passage on the upper deck. Likewise the tokens with the "II" are for Second Class on the lower deck. Although the OGRENCI item has no class marking, it is probably for Second Class carriage. Students enjoy no reduction, if they choose to go first class. The tokens have only been placed in use lately, as most have a beautiful lustre.

Perhaps the most popular form of transportation in Istanbul is the Tünel (pronounced TOO-nel). Tourist brochures refer to it as a modern subway, but it is actually an underground, electric cable operated inclined plane railway built in 1876. The line, which is 607 meters long, carries over six and a half million passengers annually. Fare for students and soldiers is 10 krush (1¢ U.S.) for which the token is used. Adults pay 25 krush cash. The token is described as follows:

I.E.T.T. UMUM MUDURLUGU
B Hx Sd Tünel Talebe ve Er (21mm)
[Istanbul Electric Tramways & Tunnel]

Umum mudurlugu = General Direction; Talebe = Student (from Arabic derivation)
ve = "and" Er = soldiers.

General Direction means that the token can be used either up or down the incline. Actually no trams remain on the European side, but a few persist on the Asian shore. (No tokens are used.)

The Galata Bridge token, listed in the A.V.A. Foreign Check List, is entirely in Arabic. It was for a foot passage and the value was 2 paras. The bridge has been free of tolls for many years.

= SECOND EUROPEAN VECTURIST CONFERENCE =

By Joseph Mark Kotler

The American Vecturist Association's longest standing overseas member, Fritz J. Bingen, played host to the second gathering of vecturists in Europe. The meeting was held Saturday, December 19, 1964, with the following visitors to the Bingen residence at Capelle a/d Ijssel, Netherlands: Courtney L. Coffing and son Larry from Giessen, Germany; A.C. Hazevoet from Amsterdam; and Joseph Mark Kotler from Paris.

The most important topic of discussion was the forthcoming *Smith Catalogue of World Transportation Tokens* to be produced by the A.V.A. Our European Vecturist Conference promised full support to the project and special aid on some of the difficult European countries. It was felt that pricing of tokens should be similar to Atwood's Catalogue, but that museum pieces and items of proven value well above the limit should be marked only "rare" or "unique." Placing a low dollar value on such pieces would be folly. Another unanimous agreement was that if the foreign catalogue is to be of international stature, the introduction should be in French and German, as well as English. This should strengthen foreign interest, sales, and reports of new tokens. In selecting pieces to be illustrated, primary consideration should be given those with inscriptions in non-Roman characters. I.e., Turkey, Israel, China. Without such photographs identification would prove very difficult for many persons.

Exhibits and reports of unpublished tokens were among the greatest of any vecturist gathering at any time, anywhere. Kotler prepared a paper on a find from Opava (Troppau), Czechoslovakia, and Bingen then produced a cardboard token from the same locale, also unlisted. Coffing announced a new discovery from Kiel, Germany, he recently acquired. Bingen exhibited a scarce book illustrating the early token-issuing lines of Paris. Hazevoet provided us with an enlightening talk on the Stockholm elevators and their tokens. Serving to illustrate the speech were a detailed map of the city, three photos of the operations, and several tokens including a rare variety depicting a coffee bean. Among the other new items revealsed were a subway-inclined plane piece from Istanbul, six ferry tokens from the same city, a new Venice ferry issue, two early French items, and new tokens from Denmark and Sweden (one of which illustrates the famous little Copenhagen harbor mermaid).

Of all these exciting announcements, Mr. Bingen made another revelation that proved to be the show-stopper of the conference. He passed around a clear rubbing of a subway token that is used in Moscow. The legend, of course, is in Russian, and the device is a train in action. The actual specimen is owned by a Dutch collector.

Mrs. Bingen and daughter prepared a delicious banquet for dinner. After this fine experience and our tasty outing at the Hazevoets in June, the Europeans can place a formidable challenge to any American group at the title of "best fed vecturists." There was some mention of continuing these conferences, possibly on a semi-annual basis similar to our June and December, 1964, meetings. So any persons planning to take in the delights of Europe should write Messrs. Bingen or Hazevoet for information well in advance of departure.

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= PRICES REALIZED AT NICOLOSI'S OCTOBER AUCTION =

Minn 540 AH...$5.76	*NM 40 G.....$0.50*	*Pa 10 F.....$0.75*	*Tex 265 A.....$1.75*
Minn 600 A..... .50	*NY 305 A..... .75*	*Pa 15 J..... .40*	*Va 20 L.....1.50*
Minn 600 B..... .50	*NC 630 A..... .75*	*Pa 15 K..... .70*	*Va 20 M.....1.00*
Miss 460 A.....1.50	*NC 670 A..... .75*	*Pa 15 L..... .30*	*Wash 420 A..... .70*
Mo 230 B.....1.00	*ND 260 B.....1.50*	*RI 700 F.....1.56*	*Wash 690 B..... .75*
Nebr 420 A.....2.30	*ND 320 A.....1.25*	*SC 240 C.....1.05*	*Wash 920 D..... .70*
NH 30 A.....2.00	*Ohio 165 A.....8.01*	*SD 760 A.....7.70*	*Wisc 500 C..... .35*
NJ 30 A..... .50	*Ore 700 I..... .75*	*Tenn 75 A..... .75*	*Wyo 120 E.....1.05*
			DC 500 F.....2.56

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= YOUR 1965 A.V.A. DUES ARE STILL ONLY $3.00 =

= THE WAXAHACHIE STREET RAILWAY of WAXAHACHIE, TEXAS =

By Mont. Middleton

(The following letter from Mr. Middleton, of Waxahachie, was received by John Clymer and forwarded to THE FARE BOX for publication. Such information as this, from those who remember the old companies, is precious to us, and in a few more years we shall be unable to obtain genuine eye-witness accounts.)

I promised that I would write a few lines of my memories of the old Waxahachie mule cars, and will start by saying that there were two companies, at first. Both started about 1892, and later consolidated and carried on as the Waxahachie Street Railway Company. The second company was the Lake Park Street Railway Company.

In 1912 the Texas Electric interurban began operating from Waco to Dallas thru Waxahachie, and acquired the Waxahachie Street Railway, and changed it to electric cars.

But back to the mule cars now. They had five winter cars (closed) on the old Waxahachie Street Railway, and five summer cars, built by the Laclede Car Company of St. Louis. There were approximately five miles of track and five waiting depots. The depots were 9x12 feet and located in the middle of the streets. Single roof and no doors or windows. The ends were closed, but opened sides with partitions down the middle, with passway at either end so that you could change from one side to the other of the partition which served as a sun-break in the summer and as a wind-break in the winter. Of course there was a long bench seat on each side of the partition.

Tokens were sold by the streetcar company 6 for 25¢ and were accepted by all stores and restaurants in Waxahachie at their face value, so the thrifty housewife would gain an extra loaf of bread by investing in streetcar tokens. At that time a standard loaf of bread sold for 5¢.

It was a common sight to see a passenger on the car rise and offer to drop a token in the fare box and take the nickel from the incoming passenger in exchange. The old mule cars furnished a lot of excitement for the youngsters in Waxahachie, like our favorite night-time sport was lining the tops of the rails with kitchen matches, so when the cars came along the effect was the same as lighting a full package of fire crackers, and if the driver was not alert with his hand break the mules would run away with car and passengers--but no casualties as the cars were heavy and the little mules would soon tire and slow down.

In cold weather the floors of the cars were covered with several inches of hay to keep the passengers' feet warm. The little mules were brought in from Old Mexico and were very hardy.

It is too bad that one of these old cars was not preserved, but two of our local business men, Eubank Brothers Florists, found the skeleton of one of the winter cars and are having it reconstructed--from pictures--at a considerable expense.

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= TAYLOR, TEXAS =

Mr. Clymer also has received letters from people in Taylor about the old street railway, and the more recent transit company. The son of the founder of the mule line which issued Tex 890 A wrote as follows:

"In 1891 my father, Dr. E.V. Doak, built and operated a mule-drawn streetcar line from Main Street, Taylor, to his (West Side) residence addition. This line was operated until 1899 when it was removed. Material and cars were sold. The tokens were sold at 24 for $1. The whole project was part of a real estate venture which failed."

Mr. Clymer also learned from one of the former partners who owned the Taylor Transit Company why they put the "7" on their bus tokens. It seems there were lots of ordinary slot machine slugs going around at the time the bus was operating, and passengers had the habit of dropping them into the fare box. The slugs resembled the bus tokens quite a bit. So the "7" was stamped on all the bus tokens to indicate the fare, and also to make it easy to distinguish them from slot machine slugs.

= THE WARTIME STRIKINGS =

By H.D. Allen

I have just sorted portions of my collection in a wholly unorthodox fashion, and have learned so much in doing so that I suspect the experience may be worth sharing. One group of tokens with half the alphabet, a few dozen states, and several distinctive pieces, glitters at me with varying tones of copper, of silver, and--in one or two instances--of hardened steel. The copper-toned items (Wash 80 F, Calif 945 C, Iowa 930 H) suggest varying compositions of brass or bronze. The silver-colored (Conn 520 C, Mich 75 F, Va 580 I) boast the lustre of silver coins. One piece, a Calif 575 I, shows copper through a silver plating. Others, Wash 880 E and the shellacced NJ 115 E, do offer the glint of steel. All pieces are highly magnetic, that is how they were selected, and the group offers considerable insight into how the wartime iron-based strikings appear after varying periods of use.

My second group is the zincs. We know well how these pieces, like America's ill-conceived 1943 cent, have fared. Segregated, the zincs take on an austere dignity, products of necessity, an ugly family, often blemished and corroded, but brought into existence to do a necessary job. A few do show plating, often the merest traces. Others are so eroded that even the basic lettering requires deciphering. But studied as such, they constitute an intensely interesting group.

These wartime "necessity pieces," battered zinc and rusy, perhaps corroded, iron, are bound to be in every token collection. The 1963 Atwood lists no less than 675 such pieces, 317 zinc (299 regular, 10 patterns, 7 manufacturers' samples, 1 Canadian) and 358 "steel" (347 regular, 6 patterns, 5 manufacturers' samples). The series extends to 48 states (no Maine or Alaska) and the District of Columbia, although Delaware, Idaho, Maryland, Mississippi, Nevada and Rhode Island, had no wartime zinc, and Louisiana, Massachusetts, and Vermont, apparently missed out on steel.

Appropriate remarks on these wartime pieces and their plating, by Mr. Freiberg, are found in the December 1963 Fare Box, pages 160-61. My only added contribution is that you can learn much from your own collection by segregating these two groups and studying the resulting displays. The diversified appearance of the steel will prove striking in itself.

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PRICES REALIZED AT NICOLOSI'S NOVEMBER AUCTION

Ala 40 B.....$5.00	*Colo 460 D....$0.85*	*Ill 763 A.....$8.10*	*Ky 510 AO.....$0.50*
Ala 750 F.....2.05	*Conn 210 A..... .35*	*Ind 930 C.....3.75*	*Ky 510 AP.....2.75*
Alas 300 E..... .95	*Conn 290 N...no bid*	*Ind 930 G...too low*	*Md 60 K.....4.26*
Ariz 1000 D...21.51	*Conn 290 P..... .35*	*Iowa 270 C.....1.00*	*Md 380 C.....1.00*
Ark 720 B..... .85	*Fla 380 D.....3.26*	*Iowa 300 J.....1.00*	*Mass 50 A..... .65*
Cal 205 H.....1.36	*Fla 960 F.....2.75*	*Kans 480 A..... .95*	*Mass 115 W.....2.75*
Cal 395 B.....3.10	*Ill 150 AB..... .35*	*Ky 250 B.....2.75*	*Mich 30 A.....2.60*
Alaska 300 G... .85	*Ill 285 B..... .35*	*Ky 480 U..... .35*	*Mich 515 A.....1.50*
			Que 800 A-J.....15.55

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PRICES REALIZED AT OTHER AUCTIONS: A.H. Erickson, October: a high of $5.26 was cut to 10% above next highest bid so the 4 Wisc 3510 L moved at 3.50,3.15,3.00,2.50. Ia 600 A, 50¢ ($5.00 bid received too late). Wis 600 B, $2.10; Wis 940 B, 80¢.

A.H. Erickson, November: Fla 380 P, 1.05; Minn 540 Eb, 4.50; Wis 410 Aa, 7.75; Wis 410 Ea, 6.15; Eb, 6.15; Fa, 1.55; Fb, 1.55; 510 D, 8.25.

Roice V. Rider, November: Ala 40 B, 5.35; 750 F, 7.50; 750 G, 5.50; 840 A, 5.50; Alas 300 G, no bid; NY 10 A, 3.26; Okla 590 D, 3.15; Pa 15 E, 9.30; Me 40 B, 1.75; P.Rico 640 A, 2.00; 640 D, 2.00.

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= HOW MANY NEW MEMBERS WILL YOU SPONSOR THIS YEAR? =

= THE POMEROY COACH TOKEN OF PITHOLE CITY, PA. =

By Daniel DiMichael

Pithole City came into being in 1865 when the discovery of oil took place. It was a wild place, as wild as any frontier town of the Old West. The city is located in Venango County, south of Erie, Pa. Pithole City, in its short existence from 1865 to 1867, had the third largest volume of mail in Pennsylvania, after Philadelphia and Pittsburgh. When the oil wells started to go dry in 1867 the town that boomed to 25,000 people died as it had begun. This year is the 100th anniversary of the founding of the town.

There were several plank roads in this region in the early days, because of the muddy roads. One ran from Titusville to Pleasantville, then to Pithole; also from Pithole to Shamburgh, then to Miller Farm.

J. Pomeroy owned the Pomeroy House in Titusville, the Pomeroy Hotel in Pithole, operated a line of stage coaches, and also had a fleet of scows (boats) called "express packets" that carried passengers down Oil Creek. They used to make the trip, a distance of 12 miles, from Shaffer Farm to Oil City in four hours. The fare was $3.50.

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= CATALOGUE CORRECTION =

Delete the listing of Pa 985 B as it appears in Atwood's Catalogue, and relist it as follows:

WILKES-BARRE COACH LINES.

B o Vi 22 Sd Good For One Ride $5.00

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= *JANUARY NEW ISSUES SERVICE REPORT* =

By John G. Nicolosi

First, I'd like to thank all you kind people who sent me dog tags, all of which are greatly appreciated. Also, thanks for all the very nice Christmas cards.

To tokens will be sent you this month; you have already received the January new issues. In February you are sure of one token, Granby, Quebec 190 B. Our thanks as usual to Bill Cassidy for obtaining this token for the Service. We have other tokens pending, but this is as usual: the first part of the year we always seem to be slow in starting up again. But we'll gather momentum as we go along. So far nothing on the new red token from Anoka, Minn. If we can get these they will be mailed to you in February. There are also a few other new issues that we cannot obtain so far, but we shall keep trying.

Last month along with the two Illinois tokens and the one from Indiana, we sent you one from New York, and also the Vt 595 B. Our thanks to Mr. Coffee for making the Vermont tokens available to the New Issues Service.

We wish a bonanza new year to all of you, and hope you add many new tokens to the collections.

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CHICAGO COLLECTORS MEET FEBRUARY 14

The Chicago Area Token & Medal Society (CATAMS) will hold its first meeting of 1965 on Sunday, February 14, at 6:30 p.m. in the Central Plaza Hotel, 321 N. Central Avenue, Chicago, Ill. All token and medal collectors are invited to attend. There are always vecturists present who are eager to swap tokens, information, or tall tales.

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= *THE DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF YOUR 1965 A.V.A. DUES IS MARCH 1* =

= MUTILATED TREASURE - AN UNLISTED CZECH TOKEN =

By J.M. Kotler

(This paper was read before the Second European Vecturist Conference at Capelle a/d IJssel, Netherlands, on December 19, 1964.)

Several months ago I visited Vienna, and between visa chasing at several embassies, I was pursuing the usual vecturist haunts--coin dealers, transport companies, museums, and antiquarians. Looking up the coin dealers one by one from the classified telephone directory, I reached the normal American practice of scouring each one's junk box of beer checks, notgeld, bottle caps, and fortunately a few street car tokens.

In the process of culling out the strassenbahn from the vast categories of others, I came across a zinc octagonal item with two ugly piercings nearly obliterating the trolley car device. Reading the legend it was easy to identify as a transport token, but I winced at the holes and was ready to return it as a common mutilated German token, not worth the price asked. Considering that I don't get to Vienna everyday, I decided to throw it in with the keepers, but confident I was a vi tim of my whims.

In cataloguing the purchase recently, I soon realized I had a piece that was unknown to all our modern researchers. Its description follows:

STADTISCHE STRASSENBAHN TROPPAU (STREETCAR)
Z Oc Sd GÜltig FÜr 15 Heller (20mm)

The token is from Opava (Troppau), Czechoslovakia.

As I noted above the token has two pierced holes, but I believe they are merely mutilations and think the true listing should represent the piece as solid. The 8mm diameter, slightly off-center, hole presents a major problem. It completely covers the space where the second digit of the denomination would be. Therefore, listing at 15 heller is only a guess. It could be anywhere from 10 thru 19. Ten is probably the value of a coin or other circulating notgeld of the day, so my speculation is 15. The second pierced hole is 3mm in diameter and near the edge. It covers nothing that can't easily be interpreted.

The German inscription and city name on the token can be explained by the fact that the usage was in the German-speaking Sudetenland rind of Czechoslovakia. The city is now known as Opava. The Heller is a denomination that passed out of use in 1924. Judging from the metal and style I would estimate it was made in Germany and its introduction took place about 1919-1922. The Opava token is a rare gem, but hardly preserved like a jewel.

After I had displayed the Opava token found in Vienna at the gathering, Mr. Bingen produced a cardboard token from the same town, also unlisted and probably of later date. His token is described as follows:

STADTISCHE STRASSENBAHN TROPPAU UMSTEIG MARKE
Fd 25 Sd Mestska Poulicni Draha Opava Prestupni Znamka

The piece has black printing on an off-white cardboard (fibre) and has a German legend on obverse, and Czech legend on reverse. "Umsteig Marke" = "transfer money."

(Editor's note: Since I received the above article from Mr. Kotler, I received a letter from Mr. Bingen, who reported that his friend Mr. Hazevoet also has a token from Opava, described as follows:

STADTISCHE STRASSENBAHN TROPPAU (STREETCAR)
A Oc Sd GÜltig FÜr 10 Heller (2 five-pointed stars)(20mm)

Could this token be an unimpaired specimen of the one Joe Kotler found in Vienna?

= JANUARY SUPPLEMENT TO THE FOREIGN CHECK LIST =
By Kenneth E. Smith

NORWAY

Christiansund 180 (now spelled Kristiansund)

	CHRISTIANSUNDS DAMPBAADSSAMLAG (BOAT)	
C o WM Ov Sd	(RV711)(26x20mm)	$2.00
	KRISTIANSUND SUNDBAATENE (BOAT)	
D o WM Ov Sd	(same as obverse)(27x21mm)	2.00
E o Z Ov Sd	(same as obverse)(27x21mm)	2.00
F o WM Ov Sd	(RV705)(26x20mm)	2.00

(180 C and D were first discovered by me, and E and F by A.C. Hazevoet. In addition I discovered 180 A with a heavy silver plating which, if it turns out to be for a fare change, will have a separate listing.)

Haugesund 400 (all 3 current items reported first by A.C. Hazevoet)

	HAUGESUND BUSS-SELSKAP V	
A B 20 Sd	Bussmerke Enkel Tur HBS (for adults)	.25
B B 20 Ch	" " " " " "	.25
	HAUGESUND BUSS-SELSKAP B	
C WM 19 Sd	Bussmerke Enkel Tur HBS (for children)	.20

CENTRAL OR SOUTH AMERICA UNIDENTIFIED (Reported by Foster Pollack)

	PATENTE DE AMBULANTE 10 PESOS 1895 No. (stamped numerals)	
Bz 37 Sd	(AR scrolled on reverse)	

DENMARK

Aabenraa 3 (Reported by A.C. Hazevoet)

	AABENRAA BY. OMNIBUS AA.B.	
B o B Ov Sd	(same as obverse)(23x19mm)	.25

Copenhagen 160 (Reported by A.C. Hazevoet)

	KOBENHAVNS SPORVEJE RABATPOLET K S	
D B 20 Sd	(Copenhagen's little mermaid; a ship and crane)	.20

ENGLAND

Gorton 330

	GORTON OMNIBUS CO- LIMITED	
A o B Ov Sd	(blank)(35x25mm)(never placed in use)	
B o B 24 Sd	" " " " "	

(These tokens have only a small serif on the G of Gorton, so the word Gorton is easily mistaken for Corton; because of this these tokens, intended for passes, were not used.)

As there are not sufficient items from Norway to require one sheet, two pages, to update this country, the new material is included here.

The past two years saw the addition of several hundred items to the foreign catalogue, and also to my collection. Last year saw the last of the old-time foreign transportation token collections being brought to this country. All of the larger such collections formed in foreign countries 20 years ago or more are now in this country, and most of them have passed thru my hands during the past 15 years. The best overseas foreign collection presently is in England, begun just about 4 years ago by a collector who really gets around, and who is responsible for many of the British listings on pages 51 thru 60.

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= JANUARY SUPPLEMENT TO ATWOOD'S CATALOGUE =
By Ralph Freiberg

CALIFORNIA

Sacramento 715 (Reported by Ruth Gray)
C.E. RAILWAY CO ONE FARE *(reeded edge)*
W o Ck 25 Sd Weinstock, Lubin & Co. 4th & K One Price (painted blue) $5.00

San Diego 745 (Reported by Mrs. Elaine J. Willahan)
POINT LOMA FERRY COMPANY FOOT OF H ST. SAN DIEGO, CAL.
T o A 31 Sd Good For 1 Ride From Star Boat House to Ships 5.00

MINNESOTA

Anoka 50 (Reported by Floyd O. Barnett)
ANOKA - MPLS. BUS CO.
Q A 23 St-sc Good For One Fare (colored red) .25

NEW YORK

Endicott 240 (Reported by W.A. Whitfield; location reported by Don Mazeau)
FENDERSON BUS ENDICOTT MAINE
A o A 25 Sd (same as obverse)

NORTH CAROLINA

Thomasville 850 (Reported by Don Edkins & John Coffee)
THOMASVILLE TRANSIT CO. T
A o A Oc Sd Good For One Fare T (18mm) .50
B o A 18 Sd " " " " " .50
(Used from 1943 to 1946)

OHIO

Defiance 240 (Reported by Marie A. Johnson)
DEFIANCE ELECTRIC RAILWAY ONE FARE
C o WM 22 Sd M. Kitner One Price Clothier 5.00

New Lexington 625 (Reported by Rev. John A. Backora)
CHIEF HACK LINE NEW LEXINGTON, OHIO.
A o A 25 Sd Good For 1 Fare Holden Hayes, Prop. 5.00

Salem 785 (Reported by Marie A. Johnson)
THE SALEM ELECTRIC RAILWAY CO
B o Cr 22 Sd One Fare 5.00

Vermilion 900 (Location discovered by Donald G. Punshon)
CLOUDYS FERRY RETURN CHECK
A o B 20 Sd Void After Sep. 1, 1912 (ex-Unidentified #50) 3.50
CLOUDY'S FERRY RETURN CHECK
B o A 21 Sd Void After Aug. 30 1917 (Sc)(ex-Unidentified #51) 3.50

PENNSYLVANIA

Camp Hill 146 (Reported by Doris Gentzler (A), and Paul Biery (B,C))
GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOL
A Pg 30 Sd Bus Fare (Sc)(incuse white letters) .15
TRINITY HIGH
B Pw 30 Sd Bus Fare (Sc)(incuse black letters) .15
HIGH SCHOOL
C Pe 30 Sd Bus Fare (Sc)(incuse white letters) .15

PENNSYLVANIA (continued)

Easton 320 (formerly listed under wrong heading, as Pa 999 A)
EASTON TRANSIT CO. OF EASTON, PA. DIRECTORS TICKET.
/NON TRANSFERABLE HOWARD RINEK. PREST
D o A Ob Sd (same as obverse)(32x20mm) $5.00

Emlenton 350 (Reported by Paul Biery)
EMLENTON BRIDGE CO. 12 CENTS
C o Ve 25 Sd (blank)(the "12" on obverse is white) 5.00

Foxburg 385 (Reported by Paul Biery)
FOXBURGH & ST. PETERSBURGH T & P. ROAD CO. 10 CENTS
D o Ce 23 Sd L.A. Palmer Pres't 1872 5.00

Pithole City 760 (Reported by Daniel DiMichael)
POMEROY COACH
A o K 28 Sd Pithole City Miller Farm One Trip (all letters incuse) 3.50
(Inscriptions on this token are counterstamped on U.S. large cents and foreign coins. It was used only between 1865 and 1867.)

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Washington 500 (Reported by Robert Dewey)
G S A REGION 3
AF Pr 29 Sd One Transportation Unit (all letters incuse white) .25

UNIDENTIFIED (Reported by Walter Hinkle)
C B L - C A B 20 1963
96 B 21 Sd C B L - C A B Good For One Ride

CANADA - QUEBEC

Granby 190 (Reported by St. Aubin & Cassidy)
VERREAULT TRANSPORT LTEE GRANBY P.Q. VTL (EMBLEM)
B B 16 Sd (same as obverse) .15

ONTARIO

Ottawa 675 (Reported by J. Douglas Ferguson)
OTTAWA POLICE DEPARTMENT POLICE 1963
J Fm 32 Sd (same as obverse) .25

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= NOTES BY JOHN COFFEE =

Ralph Freiberg asked me to write the Notes on the tokens listed in this month's supplement because he has been out of town most of the past month, and I have been rather busy tracing down information about many of these tokens.

The newly discovered Sacramento token is an adult token companion piece to the children's token already listed as 715 A. I believe Ruth Gray found the token in Florida, of all places. All of the painted California celluloid tokens are extremely rare and interesting.

The big aluminum ferry token listed this month from San Diego is an outstanding discovery. As soon as she found the token, Mrs. Willahan went down to San Diego to check it out. She examined old phone and city directories, and found the Point Loma Ferry Company listed as being located at the "Foot of H Street" from 1908 through 1913. The 1914 directories listed the company, with a Mr. O.J. Hall as manager, but no location is given for the firm. This same Mr. O.J. Hall is now the owner of the Star & Crescent Ferry Company, which has also used tokens. Captain Hall does not

remember using this aluminum token, but believes it was issued between 1908 and 1913 for the use of persons desiring rides to the naval ships anchored in the harbor. We have another token with the word, or name, of Hall on it: Calif 715 F. I have always had doubts that this token is from Sacramento. I wonder if it might have been used by Captain O.J. Hall? The Point Loma token is strikingly beautiful, judging from the rubbing submitted by Mrs. Willahan. We hope to have a photograph of it either in The Fare Box some time this year, or in the 3rd Edition of Atwood.

We have been unable to secure a supply of the Anoka, Minn., token listed this month, although we expect that eventually they will be available, because the token is in use right now.

The Fenderson Bus token was reported by Mr. Whitfield, who assumed, naturally enough, that it was from the State of Maine. Unfortunately he could find no town named Endicott in Maine. Don Mazeau then did some checking, and found a little town called "Maine" right next to the city of Endicott, in New York State. After extensive searching, Don also located Mr. Fenderson, who no longer lives in Endicott (he doesn't live in Maine, either). Mr. Fenderson said the tokens were used in the 1930's, and he believed he still had a hundred or so of them "around somewhere." We waited a few months, hoping he would come up with them. But he is an elderly man, and quite ill, and in spite of looking for them, he hasn't found even one more. He was subsequently visited by another collector in person, but still no luck. It is possible that he will eventually find a sack of them, perhaps even enough to supply the New Issues Service. He is still searching. This is why we have not given a price to the token. It could be worth only 25¢...but if no more ever show up, it could be worth a few dollars, too. So we are waiting, and keeping our fingers crossed, on this one.

The tokens from Thomasville, N.C., have a little story behind them. Don Edkins reported the token a while back, believing it to be from the Thomasville in North Carolina. But nobody did much about it, until I learned about the token, and wrote to someone in Thomasville, N.C. Back came a letter with the octagonal token owned by Edkins, and also a round one! I wrote back, trying to get more, but there were no more to be had, although my source indicated that there are still a few of them "held by various parties" in Thomasville. This, of course, could mean anything, so while we list the tokens at a premium, we do not list them very high, for now. They were used from 1943 to 1946 during the first years of the firm's existence. The fibre token of Lexington, N.C., which is nearby, was put into use about the same time. After several changes of ownership, the Thomasville Transit Company went out of existence in the early 1950's. The fare was 10¢, and there seems to have been no particular reason why some of the tokens were octagonal, and some round. As they were made during the war, no doubt the second order came through round, to save a little metal, that's all.

Marie Johnson made a real haul, as the result of much sleuthing, when she found the Defiance, Ohio, token and the red celluloid token from Salem, Ohio. The firm that advertises on the back of 240 C was a famous store in town, which went out of business early in the century. The C token was used right after the A. Marie obtained the Salem token from a descendant of the former owner of the company (she also got the aluminum token from him--he only had one of each). The celluloid token almost certainly was the first one used. Incidentally, this firm actually went out of business about December 11, but streetcars were kept running--a few of them--to accommodate Christmas shoppers. Hence the December 25 date in the Catalogue.

An article on the New Lexington, Ohio, appears elsewhere in this issue.

An article on the Vermilion, Ohio, tokens also appears elsewhere this issue.

The 3 tokens from Camp Hill, Pa., are used by Good Shepherd Parish on school buses, and are sold at 10 for $1. The green token is for elementary children going to Good Shepherd School; the white token by high school students going to the new Trinity High School in Shiremanstown, Pa. (10th & 11th grade only); the black tokens are used by high school students (12th grade only this year) going to Bishop McDevitt High School in Harrisburg. Next year all children from this parish will go to Trinity High, so the black tokens may be obsolete then. We've been unable to obtain any of these tokens, so right now they are hard to get. Paul Biery was able to get only a few sets.

The Easton, Pa., token was listed in the 2nd Edition of Atwood as a pass. We knew next to nothing about the token except what it said on it, and we decided that it was a pass used by directors of the company. However, Charles Houser learned definitely that the token was not used as a pass (that is, merely shown and retained) but it was actually surrendered by the user, the way tokens are used. Thus its use was exactly like that of the Bangor & Portland Traction Company tokens of East Bangor, Pa., which were also used exclusively by directors of the company. As Easton and East Bangor are not far from each other, perhaps the B & P got the idea from the Easton Transit. So we are relisting the token this month as a regular issue, under Easton. Only two of them are known at the present, and they are very old. This firm may have been the first in the country to call itself a "transit" company. It was originally chartered in 1886, then rechartered in 1892, probably when the line was electrified. In the 1899 Street Railway Directory, Howard Rinek is listed as President, and the firm operated 9 miles of track. However, Poor's Directory for 1910 states that in 1908 there was a merger of this firm with three others, and we find no mention of Mr. Rinek. A Mr. H.R. Fehr is listed as President. So we may assume that this token was used some time between 1892 and 1908.

The Emlenton Bridge token completes a set of 3 tokens for this bridge: the 2¢ token being a foot passenger token; the 12¢ being for one-horse vehicles; the 24¢ probably being for a two-horse vehicle. Many token-using bridges seem to have used tokens in such sets of three, so we may assume that bridges from which we have only two varieties listed probably also used a third variety, yet to be discovered.

An article on the interesting Pithole City tokens appears elsewhere.

The new red plastic General Services Administration bus token was accidentally discovered by Robert Dewey. He had been active in the congressional campaign last November, and after his man was elected, he wrote him and asked him to secure one of the green plastic tokens (DC 500 AD) for him. Instead, the congressman sent him a previously unknown red token. I have subsequently learned that the red tokens are no longer in use, while the green ones are. However, I believe both kinds are used, and that my informant simply found that red ones weren't available in one particular department. The tokens are used on government buses operating between government agencies, and they are very difficult to obtain by collectors. It's like pulling teeth. But quite a few of them have eventually come into collections...with the exception of these plastic ones, which are still rare in collectors' hands. I believe they will become common eventually, so collectors should use discretion in paying high prices for them. The G.S.A. also uses tokens in Denver.

The Maverick token was found in Arkansas, and the "CAB" could mean a taxicab, or it could be the initials of something else, say "Civil Aeronautics Board"? As for "CBL" we just don't know, and any suggestions will be welcome. We know one thing, though, this token wasn't issued by the firm that uses the Columbia, Mo., and Jacksonville, Ill., tokens. We've already checked with him.

As a final note, I want to reiterate this: if you wish to receive credit for reporting a new issue or discovery, you <u>must</u> report it either to Ralph Freiberg or to John Coffee...and report it directly. Otherwise, the person who describes the token to us gets the credit. That's why we say "Reported by so-and-so," and not "Discovered by so-and-so." If you wish to have the listing held up for a few months till you check the token out, we shall gladly hold it up until given permission to list it, and we shall also honor your confidence. In this way, you insure getting credit for reporting the token while still having it kept secret until you are satisfied that no more are available at the source.

It is apparent from this month's supplement that our knowledge of transportation tokens is still in the adolescent state. Obviously hundreds of old tokens are still unknown, and not only depotel tokens, but ferry tokens and even old streetcar tokens. There are many ways to collect tokens. One way is simply to sit back and wait till you can buy the rare ones...and then, of course, you have to pay extremely high prices, often as much as ten times catalogue value for them. Another way is to do a little hunting and letter-writing. This way you can buy them from the source, generally for less than the catalogue value...and you also sometimes have the thrill and honor of discovering a hitherto unknown rarity. This is more exciting way of collecting. It is also a lot easier on the pocketbook...and a lot more educational.

= JANUARY PARKING TOKEN SUPPLEMENT TO ATWOOD'S CATALOGUE =

By Duane H. Feisel

CALIFORNIA

Los Angeles 3450 (Reported by George Gould)

TOKEN

V WM 25 Sd (same as obverse) $0.25

ILLINOIS

East St. Louis 3250 (Reported by Edkins, Laflin, Dr. Fuld)

FIRST NATIONAL BANK E. ST. LOUIS, ILLINOIS

A B 23 Sd (same as obverse)(Vars.) .25

1st NATIONAL BANK E. ST. LOUIS, ILLINOIS

B B 23 Sd (same as obverse) .25

CITY OF E. ST. LOUIS PARKING TOKEN

C B 23 Sd Good Only In Parking Meters .15

IOWA

Mason City 3600 (Reported by Quincy A. Laflin)

HOTEL HANFORD MASON CITY, IOWA (GATE)

A Bz 25 Sd Parcoa Token (gate) .25

LOUISIANA

Plaquemine 3740 (Reported by Donald Edkins)

CITIZEN'S BANK & TRUST CO.

A B 23 Sd Parking Token Plaquemine, La. .25

CITIZENS BANK & TRUST CO.

B B 23 Sd Parking Token Plaquemine, Louisiana .25

[obverse inscription in 4 lines on 3740 B]

C B 23 Sd Parking Token Plaquemine, Louisiana (Vars.) .25

[obverse inscription on one line around edge on 3740 C]

NEW JERSEY

Hackensack 3300 (Reported by Donald Edkins)

HACKENSACK HOSPITAL

C B 25 Sd Courtesy Token .25

OHIO

Cincinnati 3]65 (Reported by Dr. George J. Fuld)

PARK & SHOP

D o B 23 Sd Parking Validation Token (ex-Unidentified 3005) .25

E o B 23 Sd (same as obverse) .25

PARK AND SHOP

F o B 23 Sd Parking Validation Token .50

OAKLEY PARK & SHOP

G o B 23 Sd Parking Validation Token .25

TEXAS

Dallas 3255 (Reported by T.M. Murdock)

ST. PAUL HOSPITAL DALLAS, TEXAS (GATE)

I Bz 25 Sd Parcoa Token (gate) .25

VIRGINIA

Marion 3520 (Reported by J. Douglas Ferguson)

PARK COMPLIMENTS OF MARION MERCHANTS

B B 23 Sd (blank) .15

UNIDENTIFIED U.S. PARKING TOKENS (Reported by A.A. Gibbons & T.M. Murdock)

M.M.E. PARKING CO. (GATE)

3018 Bz 25 Sd Parcoa Token (gate)

UNIDENTIFIED U.S. PARKING TOKENS (continued)

VENTURA PARKING
3019 B 23 Sd (same as obverse)

VENTURA
3020 B 23 Sd (blank)

ADDITIONS & CORRECTIONS

Ky 3070 A: (Vars.) exist.
NJ 3530 A: (Vars.) exist.
Ohio 3175 I: a. (diamonds on obverse)
b. (dashes on obverse)
MSPT 3054 A: (Vars.) exist.
Quebec 3620 B: material is brass, not bronze.

= PARKING TOKEN NOTES BY DUANE H. FEISEL =

This month we have a nice batch of tokens to start the new year. I have a feeling that we may see 200 new issues in 1965 and, if so, perhaps a new and separate parking token catalogue at the end of 1965 might be in order.

Many of the tokens listed this month are without information concerning usage. If anyone can provide any data for these tokens, please send it along to me. Only those tokens for which I have information will be discussed in these notes.

The token from Los Angeles is reportedly used at a clinic which has taken over the building formerly used by the group that issued Cal 3450 S (so that token is now obsolete). The cryptic nature of this new item suggests that it may be only a temporary measure until other tokens can be manufactured. Undoubtedly the token is provided free to clinic patients so that they may have free exit from a gate-controlled parking lot.

The Hackensack Hospital token is the result of a change in -echanisms in the controls for exit gates. NJ 3300 B had been used, but now the larger size token works the gates. The large parking lot located near the hospital is free entrance, token or 25¢ exit. The tokens are given free to volunteer workers at the hospital. Anyone interested in obtaining this token can send $1.00 (yes, that's right) and a stamped envelope for one. This price was established before I visited the hospital, and no amount of talking could persuade the administrator to be more reasonable.

All of the new listings for Cincinnati were used at the Oakley lot. Also used was a new variety of MSPT 3051 C.

The item for Marion, Va., is listed despite the lack of confirming information. It seems that several collectors have obtained the token in Marion, so the location should be obvious. The only problem is that despite numerous inquiries of city and merchant organization officials, no information has been obtained for the token. Perhaps some other collector is more resourceful.

In the Unidentified area are listed 3 puzzling tokens. The first may very well be from Chicago since a number of them have turned up as "foreign" tokens in various Chicago token-operated gates. Of course, the token manufacturer is also located in Chicago, so it is conceivable that employees have used these tokens that were perhaps intended for another user, but for some reason were never delivered. Perhaps one of our Chicago area collectors can help on this one.

The two Ventura tokens on the surface suggest use in Ventura, Calif. The only difficulty is that no one with whom we have communicated in Ventura has any knowledge of them.

For those in my parking token new issues service, I will be sending out Ohio 3165 E, Texas 3255 I (the hospital insists on charging me 50¢ each for these), the new variety of SMPT 3051 C, and Quebec 3620 B (from last month). You can obtain NJ 3300 C as I suggested. You might try the sources for the East St. Louis, Ill., and the Plaquemine, La., tokens but I think they will be difficult since I have been singularly unsuccessful with them.

It is planned to issue a listing of parking token varieties during 1965. For the first installment, the standard "Parcoa Token" reverses have been given close

scrutiny, and many hitherto unreported varieties have been found. Don Edkins has been working closely with me on this project, and next month a listing of all reverse varieties for the standard Parcoa type tokens will be given. Four distinguishable varieties have been found. In making the variety listing for all the parking tokens I plan to rely as completely as possible on visual differences which can be adequately described in contrast to distance measurements which really become a chore. Of course, a number of tokens will require these distance measurements for accurate description.

In addition to parking tokens, paper parking stamps are widely used across the country. These are beyond the usual token collector interest, but nonetheless have an appeal to some collectors. I am planning to go into the parking stamp field in a complete way, and I would be interested in learning of others who might also be interested in collecting the stamps. As long as I am writing to obtain the stamps for my own collection, it would not be much trouble to purchase a supply for other interested collectors. If you are interested, please drop me a line. I suspect there may be several hundred different of these stamps.

How quickly plans can change! We will not be moving to New Jersey, at least not in the immediate future. In fact, we are staying put in Medfield (remember, not Medford), so you can reach me at P.O. Box 215, Medfield, Mass. 02052. New token reports will be very much appreciated.

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= THE DENTON BUS LINES of DENTON, TEXAS =

By Maurice Murdock & J.O. Pannell

Mr. Murdock got the following information from J.O. Pannell, who was the last operator of Denton Bus Lines, which went out of business March 31, 1961. The Main route of the line was from downtown Denton to North Texas State College and Texas Woman's University. In 1937 Denton Bus Line put out a token made of white metal with a "D" in its center. The fare was 5¢ or 24 tokens for $1. After the token had been used for a time, the company in Dallas, Tex., began to notice an increasing number of the Denton tokens showing up in their fare boxes. At that time the fare in Dallas was 7¢ or 5 tokens for 30¢. These Denton tokens were then sent back to Denton for redemption at their fare of 24/$1. Dallas wrote the Denton Bus Line and requested that the Denton tokens be recalled and replaced with some token that would not be confused so easily with the Dallas token. Denton and Dallas are only 32 miles apart. The firm that manufactured the tokens, which was affiliated with Johnson Fare Box Company, was also notified by the Dallas firm, and it wrote the Denton Bus Lines requesting that their tokens be returned and replaced with tokens of another design. Denton Bus Lines complied with the request and returned the surplus tokens as they were redeemed to them. Of the original lot supplied to them, all but approximately 400 to 500 were returned. This resulted in the records showing an issue but not a recalling. The new token was issued with an "N" in the center because the owner's name was Neale. The only tokens with the "D" in them that are still around are those in collections, or have been lost or misplaced. There is no way of knowing how many tokens were sent out on request of collectors.

Mr. Pannell took over the bus line after the War, after having been General Manager of the line under Mr. Neale. Until 1945 the bus company consisted of 8 old Reo buses. After 1945 they purchased some used White buses and raised fares to 7¢. Next they acquired some early 1940 model Yellow buses and raised fares to 10¢. The last buses purchased were a smaller variety of the Yellow bus, and fares were raised to 12¢. At the cose of business in March 1961 the fare was 15¢.

Mr. Murdock had an ad in the November 1964 Fare Box on page 136 regarding the Denton tokens. Since then he has had a change of address, and his new address is P.O. Box 411 - Mesquite, Texas.

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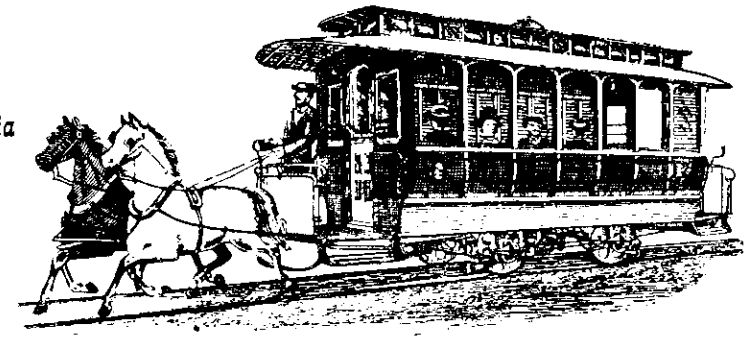

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We had hoped to include an index to the articles in Volume 18 with this issue, but we don't have the room for it. We'll get it to you eventually. Among other things we want to get to you is the Constitution & By-Laws of the American Vecturist Association. All members are entitled to receive a copy. If you have joined in the past few months and have not received a copy, please drop the Editor a note, and it will be sent to you. Ten cents postage would be appreciated, but is not necessary.

The North East Vecturist Assn. has issued an excellent Supplement to the Second Edition of Atwood's Catalogue, listing all transportation & parking tokens that have been reported up to December 1964, as well as a complete up-to-date index of parking tokens. Recent members who have just purchased Atwood's Catalogue will find this supplement valuable, because without it (unless they have all back issues of The Fare Box for 1964) their catalogues are a year out of date. There are only a few copies left, for sale at $1.50, from Foster B. Pollack - 1841 Broadway, Rm 808 - New York, N.Y. 10023. Speaking of Atwood's Catalogue, large sales have forced us to order a second printing of 600 copies, which will be identical to the first printing (which was 1,200 copies). A new Third Edition will not be published until the end of 1967. New members who do not have this catalogue will find it impossible to understand the hobby unless they purchase it. Copies are available from the Editor at $5.50 each (members only) postpaid. Make checks out to the Editor personally.

The 1965 Annual Convention of the American Vecturist Association will be held in New York City on August 6,7,8, at the Hotel Empire, Broadway at 63rd Street, just opposite Lincoln Center. There will be a meeting room set aside from 6 p.m. on August 6 for early arrivers. The Convention Committee consists of Foster Pollack, chairman; Ralph Hinde; Sam Rabinowitz; and Gerald Landau.

According to the by-laws of the A.V.A., the offices of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Curator, are now open for nominations. All members who have belonged to the A.V.A. for at least 3 years and are at least 21 years of age are eligible. All nominations must be in writing. Send nominations to the Secretary, Donald N. Mazeau - P.O. Box 31 - Clinton, Conn. 06413. Nominations will close April 30, 1965. Samuel Rabinowitz of New York has been appointed Chairman of the Election Committee.

Donald Punshon, our newest Life Member, sends in an interesting report on the

February meeting of the Chicago Area Token & Medal Society. Among those present were Duane Feisel, Neil Shafer and his wife, and Joe Kotler fresh back from Europe. An auction of a Clinton & Lyons Horse Railway token was held (Iowa 230 A) and after spirited bidding it went for $13. The next meeting will be at 6:30 pm, Sunday, Mar. 14 at the Central Plaza Hotel, 311 No. Central Ave., Chicago. All are invited.

We have a lot more material to publish than we have room for this month. With our very low $3 dues we just can't afford go go over the 10¢ postage limit very often, so we have to hold things up till next month. But don't let that stop you from sending us articles to publish. Especially reports for our new "New Finds" department, which promises to be one of the most interesting parts of our news-letter.

We have some photographs with this issue, for the first time in many years. We hope, if we can afford it, to have photographs much more often in the future, of rare tokens and other interesting things and people. Collectors who discover rarities hitherto unknown would oblige us by sending good glossy photographs of the tokens, the same size as the token, and we'll publish them in The Fare Box. This time, opposite this page, we have two pages of rare tokens. (Number them 23 and 24.) The photography was done by Sam Rabinowitz, and most of the tokens belong to Don Mazeau, although some belong to Sam Rabinowitz and Joe Allis, and two of them are the property of a non-member who lent them to us for photographing. A few words about the tokens are in order.

The Ill 417 A was obtained by Don directly from the highway commission, "for listing purposes," they told him. They won't part with any more of them, but eventually we expect to get more. The Newberry's tokens are all interesting, and should be compared with those already pictured in the Catalogue. Iowa 380 C is entirely different from Iowa 380 D, pictured on Plate VII, and this picture makes the difference quite obvious. The Kans 910 A was obtained by Don from a lady who lives on a farm just outside Stockton, after months of searching. He got the Ky 200 A from a New Haven coin dealer. The La 240 A was listed in the Catalogue but we had never known who owned the token. Then Don located one down in Eunice, and at present this is the only example of the token known to exist.

The NJ 250 A is still in use, but next to impossible to obtain. Don was able to obtain a couple of them at Fort Dix when he visited there.

The token pictured, described as NY 140 A, should be compared with the NY 140 A pictured on Plate IX of the 1958 edition of Atwood. It will be seen immediately that the lettering is arranged differently. Previously the one in the Editor's collection was the only known specimen until Don got this one. Note that the "&" is on a line by itself above "L.B. CO." on my token, while the "&" is on the same line as "L.B. CO." on Mazeau's token. Note also that the ornaments are different on the obverse. The Mazeau token will be given a separate listing in the next Catalogue.

There is not much to say about the other tokens pictured that hasn't already been said...except that all of these are new photographs; none of these tokens has been photographed before. They will be included in the 3rd Edition of Atwood. And if you have a pet rarity, send us a photograph and it will also be included in the 3rd Edition of Atwood. We hope to have up to 50 plates in that one, all of tokens not pictured in the 1st or 2nd editions.

Donald Punshon reports some information about Atlantic City tokens, NJ 20 A and B. 20 A was for a Mangel's Carousel in 1914. NJ 20 B was for a ride on the "Giant Circle Swing," introduced by Sir Hiram Maxim, the inventor of the Maxim Machine Gun.

Ken Hayes reports that Guam 25 A, which he auctioned off recently, brought a high bid of $35.00. The Editor is not going to comment on auction prices, except to say that collectors should be sure they know what they're doing before the bid way up on tokens in auctions. Rarity is a transient quality in transportation tokens, and the Catalogue Committee knew what they were doing when they set the prices in the Catalogue. Harold Ford is working on a new list of Census Tokens, and a lot of one-time "census" tokens (i.e., tokens of which fewer than 10 are known) will be found missing this time. Rarities are turning up more frequently now.

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ILLINOIS 417 A

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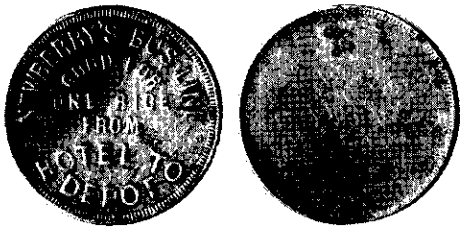

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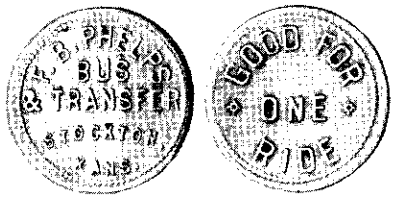

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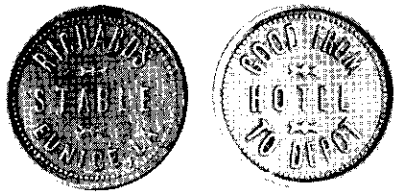

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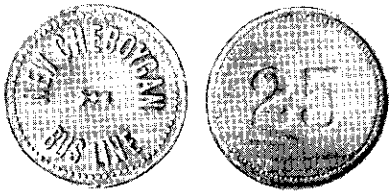

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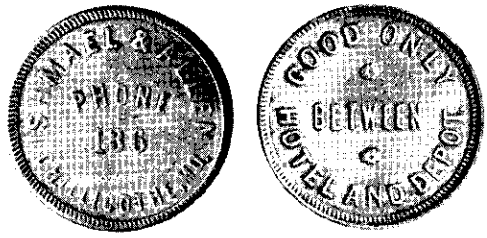

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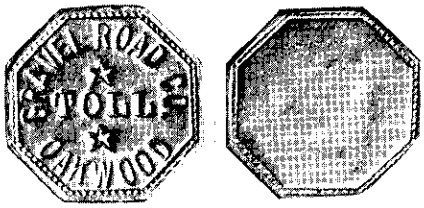

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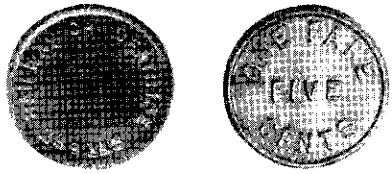

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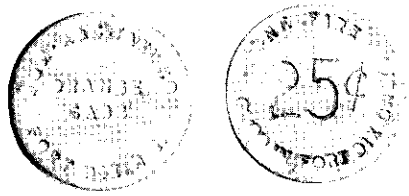

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RARE TRANSPORTATION TOKENS

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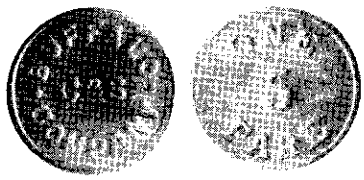

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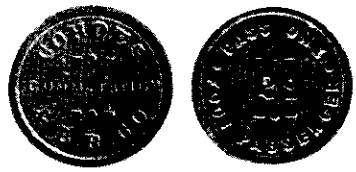

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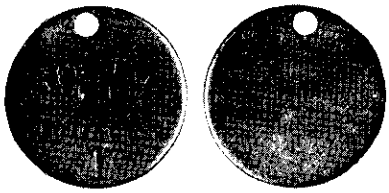

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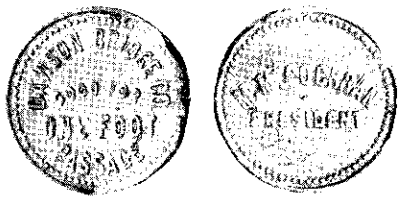

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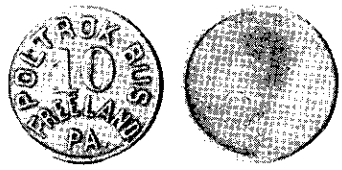

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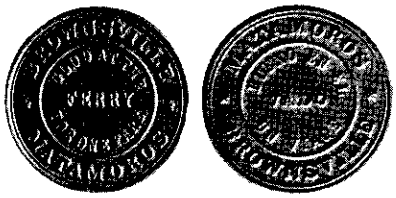

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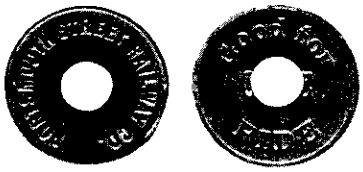

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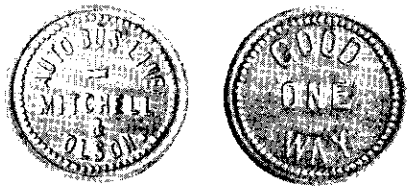

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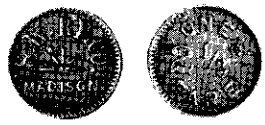

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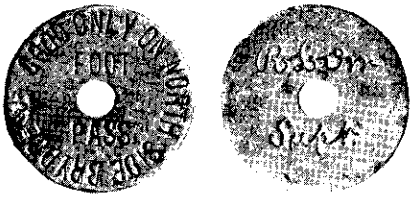

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= THE LUDLOW HOUSE BUS LINE OF MONROE, WISCONSIN =

By Gerald E. Johnson

Arabut Ludlow was an influential banker in Monroe, Wisc., and a man with confidence in the City of Monroe and the cheese industry. By the year 1882 he had already saved the Green County Hotel from extinction when it became encumbered, and in 1884 he agreed to build a "suitable" hotel for the city if the public would provide the site.

The old American House Hotel was moved, and by April, 1885, the Ludlow House was opened for business. It was described at the time as the "most handsome building in southern Wisconsin."

The hotel prospered from the start under the management of Edward Ludlow, and was sold in 1911 to John Aeschliman.

The token of the Ludlow House Bus Line (formerly listed as Unidentified #36) was used before 1911 as far as can be determined, because none of the Aeschliman kin can recall using a token, and only the very old timers remember the large brass discs. The bus did, however, continue to operate in the period from 1911 to 1929 when the Aeschlimens owned and operated the hotel. It was discontinued in the late 1920's, after having been motorized some time during that period. The hotel was razed in 1956 and the McClellan dime store now stands on the site.

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CALIFORNIA COLLECTORS HOLD 46th MEETING

By George Gould

The 46th meeting of the California Association of Transportation Token Collectors was held Sunday afternoon, January 10, 1965, at the Ontra Cafeteria, Los Angeles. Twelve members and 4 guests were present: Carter, Crusen, Cutler, Ficklin, Gould, Kubach, Marvin, Mr. & Mrs. Ed Miller, Ritterband, Roselinsky (and his two lovely daughters), Ken Smith, and Mr. & Mrs. Willahan.

Mr. Ritterband was requested to continue in behalf of the club our efforts to have our bid for the]966 A.V.A. Convention accepted. The discussion centered on other collecting habits and activities of the members, in order to ascertain who collects what besides transportation and parking tokens. Mr. Cutler volunteered to submit a form to be distributed at the next meeting. This would tie in all collectors much more closely, as we all have at various times come across unusual items which, had we known some members collected such things, we could easily have acquired for them. Kenneth Smith mentioned that he hoped to see additional pages of the Foreign Check List in our hands in the near future.

A unique meeting place was suggested by Bob Ritterband for our March meeting. He reported that his brother and two friends own a rebuilt private railroad car stored in the Santa Fe coach yards, and that all collectors would be welcome to spend an afternoon there watching train activities. The car is in the yards on East 8th St. and the Los Angeles River, along the Santa Fe main line to San Diego. This kind offer was accepted, and we'll have our next token meeting in the car on Sunday, March 14 from 1:30 to 4 pm.

The meeting was concluded after the usual token swapping and discussion. (We had as much fun as a Christmas party in a kindergarten!)

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A.V.A. MEMBER WINS AWARD AT HAWAII COIN CONVENTION

A.V.A. member Joseph Oda displayed a case of 50 transportation tokens from 50 states, identifying each one with information and a write-up on how transportation tokens got started, at the first annual Hawaii State Numismatic Convention, held October 7-10, 1964, at the Reef Ocean Tower Hotel, Waikiki, Hawaii. The exhibit won the Third Award in the Tokens & Medals class.

I have one--only one--rare Hula Girl token, uncirculated, for auction to high bidder Minimum bid $17.50.
L.R. Lindgren - P.O. Box 350 - New Cumberland, Pa. 17070

Send $1.00 and self-addressed stamped envelope, receive 8 transit tokens my choice.
Ross E. Thorpe - 181W Chalmers Ave. - Youngstown, O. 44507

NEW WEBB FERRY TOKEN, Ill 370 D, for sale at 75¢ each plus stamped envelope, only to non-members of New Issues Service. I still have both Plainfield, Vermont, tokens for sale at 50¢ each plus postage.
J.M. Coffee, Jr. - P.O. Box 1204 - Boston, Mass. 02104

WANTED: copies of The Fare Box, all 1948,1949,1950; and Jan,Feb,Mar, 1951. Also early check lists and catalogues: Kenworthy, Dunn, Atwood, Keim, Scrapbook.
Edward M. Vickers - P.O. Box 68 - Pawling, N.Y. 12564

Two war time nickels for each trans. token sent. Bonus Linc. below 1940 for Wash. State tokens. Dates my choice. (Note new address)
Gilbert E. Vogel - Scituate Coast Guard Station - Scituate, Mass.

TO HIGHEST BIDDER: lot of 40 diff. wooden nickels, bus, taxi, pony rides, parking. Two lots available. For trade: NJ 3540 A for any one piece of following: Cal 3450 O U; Col 3140 A B; Conn 3998 A; Del 3900 C; Ill 3150 D; Ind 3660 A, 3690 A; Ia 3850 A; Ky 3150 A; La 3670 A; NC 3700 A; Ohio 3175 M; Pa 3360 A, 3750 D, 3998 A; RI 3998 A; Tex 3050 A; Wis 3890 A; Unid. 3001,2,3,4,8,9,10,11; MSPT 3001 ABC, 3002 A, 3031 B C.
Don Edkins - 120 Stanley Drive - Williamsburg, Va. 23185

For Sale - Ethiopian bronze railroad medal, circa early 1900's. Steam locomotive on one side and portrait of Emperor Menelik II on other side. $2 postpaid. Free wooden nickel with each one ordered.
Al Zaika - P.O. Box 65 - Bellmawr, N.J. 08031

Deserving coed willing to stand in line and obtain rigidly rationed Penna 3750 B, 50¢ each limit 4. Send 5¢ stamp please.
G.W. Gallagher - 568 Pinetree - Jenkintown, Pa.

Bridge tokens Quebec 620 X and 970 A, and parking token Quebec 3850 A in exchange for any token cataloguing 25¢.
J. Douglas Ferguson - Box 180 - Rock Island, Quebec

Very nominal bids expected on first eight: Ill 150 Z, 530 A B, Ind 860 K; Mass 115 N Minn 540 AC; Mo 950 A; Pa 935 A. Following not so nominal: Ind 860 K with perfect plating; Ky 480 S; Mich 375 A; Wis 220 A E; Fla 380 O; Mich 375 B; Wis 1000 A; time tables P Q (FB page 21); still paying 30% over successful bids on my advs. for Wis. vectures in same classification I can use.
A.H. Erickson - 3125 N. 49th Street - Milwaukee, Wis. 53216

NEW COLLECTORS - self-addressed stamped envelope brings my latest list of U.S. (or British if desired) dupes for sale.
Kenneth E. Smith - 328 Avenue F - Redondo Beach, Calif.

For sale at 5¢ over catalog price: Ariz 640 E, 780 A, 1000 A B C E; Quebec 60 A, 190 A, 460 A, 780 B, 870 B C D E, 925 A B (trade for similar coin, Ft. Warren Wyo. NCO CLUB B 21 Sd, Curto #474) also for trade a bronze replica of San Francisco cable car bank, UNC., for a similar type bank. 2 available. Also for trade, telephone tokens.
John G. Nicolosi - 3002 Galindo St. - Oakland, Calif. 94601

AUCTION: ALASKA 300 E; also available, 100 different TT's in 2x2 kraft envelopes, $14 postpaid.
Kenneth V. Hayes, Jr. - 5 Arbor Way - Lafayette, Calif. 94549

FOR TRADE: T.T. from other states and Canada for equal Atwood value in T.T. (or other types of tokens) from Michigan or West Virginia. Also have a few military decorations to trade for Michigan Civil War store cards or T.T.
Mike Taylor - 226 N. Ridgeway - Battle Creek, Mich. 49015

So I had a lucky break - now I'm passing it on to you. I now have a new supply of Va 350 B. With a self-addressed stamped envelope send 75¢ for 5, or $1 for 10. Also Va 20 L at 50¢ (see page 8, January Fare Box). Have a small supply of Md 40 A & B (Annapolis) which I will let go at $1 per set. (The B's are hard to get.)
Edwin C. Lanham - 6116 N Street, S.E. - Washington, D.C. 20027

TO BEST OFFER OVER 6 ROLLS 1954 P LINCOLN CENTS...one only, Ohio 860 A.
Henry Ubinas - 191 North Pine Street - Massapequa, N.Y. 11761

For Sale or trade: ferry token Ohio 750 A uncirculated at $1.00 each or any transp. token catalogued at $1, or the same token in circulated and used condition to trade for any T.T. valued at 35¢ or more. Hurry while supply lasts. Must include stamped return envelope.
James G. Zervas - 1145 S. Downing St. - Denver, Colo. 80210

TO HIGHEST BIDDER: Calif 760 E; Ill 150 Y, 315 B; Iowa 150 B thin; Kans 820 E coated; Md 60 AC; Mich 360 A; Nebr 540 O; NY 505 A; 631 L M N, 715 A; NC 670 A; ND 960 A; Ore 700 I; Pa 10 B, 70 A B C, 320 A, 775 A B; Va 120 A, 620 D; Wash 970 A; P.R. 640 A C D; Man 900 E; Que 620 X Z ACb tail on Q. For sale (or trade at cat.) Ill 315 A, 475 B C D at cat; Fla 860 A $1; Ill 530 E F 45¢ each; Mich 375 A B both for $1.00.
Charles L. Tauscher - 321 N. Long Avenue - Chicago, Ill. 60644

"FERRIES OF THE SOUTH" by Walt Wheelock, 1964. A concise, well-illustrated history of the California lines at Yuma Crossing, San Diego, Balboa Is., San Pedro, and Santa Catalina Is. Several token-using operations. Pp. 39, maps, table, index, only $1. "FARES, PLEASE" by J.A. Miller. The standard history of transit, Pp. 204, $1.50 Postage 10¢ per book. Token for sale: Ill 3150 Z @ 75¢. (NOTE NEW ADDRESS:)
J.M. KOTLER, BOOKSELLER - P.O. Box 248 - Glencoe, Ill. 60022

WANTED TO BUY: transp. tokens from Ala., Alas., Ark., Calif., Hawaii, Nebr., Tex., Okla., and other states. Scarce as well as common varieties wanted so please send me your list. Will send the new Sta. Barbara token, Cal 815 D and/or 815 C @ 25¢ each plus stamped addressed envelope.
Norman E. Sherman - 4295 Marina Drive - Santa Barbara, Cal. 93105

WANTED: a cheap but workable mimeograph machine. Want to enlarge the NEVA report to a regular 8-page bi-monthly feature.
Paul Targonsky - 46 Norwood St. - Meriden, Conn. 06451

WANTED: Tom L. Johnson medals dated 1910 (he was past mayor of Cleveland). Also wanted: coal co.., colliery, lumber, tokens used as coins. I intend to make a check list of these tokens. All help will be appreciated. AUCTION: OHIO 440 B,C (3 each).
Larry G. Freeman - 2427 Torrington Avenue - Parma, Ohio 44134

AUCTION TO HIGH BIDDER: Pa 25 A B C D, 135 A, 150 A B, 195 C D, 295 A, 320 A, 400 C D, 425 A C, 470 A, 490 A, 495 J, 605 B D, 645 A B, 750 G L W Z, 770 C, 775 A, 840 E, 870 A. The following cells are available for trade: Ark 435 A; Ill 580 B; Ind 680 A; Kans 690 B; NJ 290 A; NY 890 A; Ohio 175 C.
Harold Ford, Jr. - 1999 Gaspar Drive - Oakland, Calif. 94611

WANT TO BUY FOR CASH THE FOLLOWING PARKING TOKENS: Cal 3385 A, 3450 A B C E G H L O R S T, 3910 B; Conn 3210 A C; 3250 A; Dela 3900 C D; Fla 3050 B C D; 3360 A, 3840 B; Ga 3060 A; Ill 3150 C D H I L R V; 3585 A; Ind 3230 A; 3660 A, 3690 A; Ia 3850 A; Ky 3150 A; La 3670 A.
John A. Backora - 83 Markey Street - Bellville, Ohio 44813

50 DIFF. TRANS. TOKENS FROM THE STATE OF WASHINGTON. That's one-third of the state tokens. No die var., coated or plated tokens. All diff. listed numbers. Price $15.00. Money back if not satisfied.
Clarence E. Heppner - 1331 3rd Avenue - Seattle, Wash. 98101

WILL TRADE THE FOLLOWING TOKENS for other comparable tokens: Iowa 640 Jb; Ind 160 B; Pa 310 A-2.
Marie A. Johnson - Box 355 - Tecumseh, Mich. 49286

TOKEN BARGAIN: 7 diff. tokens from Kingston, N.Y. 445 C D(P&C) E F G(lg & sm slots), plus 6 Kingston transfers, for only $1 and a stamped addressed envelope. Throw in an extra dollar and I will send 10 diff. 15¢ tokens of my choice.
Duane H. Feisel - P.O. Box 215 - Medfield, Mass. 02052

L.K. Ferguson of Algona, Ia., has consigned a nice listing of Iowa merchants trade tokens to my auctions. In some instances there will be complete listings of issuing merchants. Please don't confuse these with advertising & amusement tokens.
R.V. Brandenburg - 129 Jackson, P.O. Box 3132 - Pueblo, Col. 81005

Canadian nickels BU 1964 $3.50 per roll. Loudonville, Ohio, souvenir half dollar honoring Charles Kettering (34mm brass) 40¢. Wanted, wooden nickels; let's trade. Transp. tokens: 10 diff. (includes 1 at 20¢ cat.) 90¢ plus 10¢ postage.
Ray Goyette - 8 Barry Drive - West Orange, N.J. 07052

= ALL AUCTIONS LISTED IN THIS ISSUE CLOSE MARCH 21 =

= APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP =

641J DAVID GINSBURG - 45 BRIGHTON 10 COURT - BROOKLYN, NEW YORK 11235
AGE 16, STUDENT. COLLECTS U.S. & PARKING. (*Edell*)
642 ROBERT W. CARLISLE - BOX 1663 - SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA 92112
AGE 25; DISPATCHER. COLLECTS U.S. ONLY. (*Singer*)
643 JOSEPH W. GRADY - 570 82ND STREET - BROOKLYN, NEW YORK 11209
AGE 31; SALESMAN. COLLECTS ALL TYPES. (*Mazeau*)
644 IRVING M. ROTH - 89 WHITTLESEY AVENUE - NORWALK, OHIO 44857
AGE 49; ANTIQUE DEALER. COLLECTS U.S. & PARKING. (*Mazeau*)
645 MRS. MILAN S. REED - 932 EAST LUDINGTON AVENUE - LUDINGTON, MICHIGAN 49431
AGE 38; BOOKKEEPER. COLLECTS U.S. & CANADA. (*Carman*)
646 ALBERT E. KREMER - 2601 SIMPSON STREET - EVANSTON, ILLINOIS 60201
AGE 56; SALESMAN. COLLECTS ALL TYPES. (*Kotler*)
647 JOSEPH A. DANIELEWICZ, JR. - 1857 SIXTH STREET - SARASOTA, FLORIDA 33577
AGE 30; COIN DEALER. COLLECTS ALL TYPES. (*Rider*)
648 MRS. GLADYS H. MAXWELL - 1926 SHARDELL - ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI 63138
AGE 48; HOUSEWIFE. COLLECTS ALL TYPES. (*Carman*)
649 KENNETH T. HALL - 130 STANLEY DRIVE - WILLIAMSBURG, VIRGINIA 23185
AGE 61; RETIRED. COLLECTS U.S. & PARKING. (*Edkins*)
650 WILLIAM I. LAVIGNE - 13 HILLSIDE PLACE - ILION, NEW YORK 13357
AGE 52; STATE TAX AUDITOR. COLLECTS U.S. & FOREIGN. (*Horwitz*)
651 T.W. JANKOVICH - BOX 1085 - CHIBOUGAMAU, QUEBEC
AGE 31; THEATRE MANAGER. COLLECTS U.S., CANADA, FOREIGN. (*H.D. Allen*)
652 ANDREW MORGAN - BOX 2448 - WICHITA FALLS, TEXAS 76301
AGE 41; LOCOMOTIVE ENGINEER. COLLECTS U.S. & FOREIGN. (*Zaika*)
653 JACK H. HEDDEN - 2744 B ORCHARD PLACE - SOUTH GATE, CALIFORNIA 90280
AGE 51; HOUSE SERVICE. COLLECTS U.S. ONLY. (*Mazeau*)
654 GLENN A. MOONEY - 521 PENN VISTA DRIVE - PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA 15235
LEGAL AGE. INDUSTRIAL ENGINEER. COLLECTS ALL TYPES. (*Byrne*)
655J TERRY JAMES PERKINS - BOX 464, STATION A.C.C. - ABILENE, TEXAS 79601
AGE 20; STUDENT. COLLECTS U.S. & PARKING. (*Coffee*)
656 MRS. CORA D. POSEY - 1308 17TH STREET - PORT HURON, MICHIGAN
LEGAL AGE. SCHOOL TEACHER. COLLECTS U.S. & CANADA. (*Nordhof*)
657 JAMES R. DUNLAP, JR. - 235 NO. CLARK - ORANGE, CALIFORNIA
AGE 25; METHODS ANALYST. COLLECTS U.S. ONLY. (*Miller*)
658 FRANK J. KELLEY - BOX 24 - HARBOR, OREGON 97415
AGE 46; CARPENTER. COLLECTS U.S. & CANADA. (*Carman*)
659 MRS. ELAINE SWANSON - 4402 CHICAGO STREET - OMAHA, NEBRASKA 68131
AGE 41; BOOKKEEPER. COLLECTS U.S. ONLY. (*Coffee*)

ADMITTED TO LIFE MEMBERSHIP: L440 DONALD G. PUNSHON; L462 GRANT B. SCHMALGEMEIER

RESIGNATION FROM MEMBERSHIP: 549 Irving Sperling - 17 Lenox Ave. - Mt. Vernon, N.Y.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Irving H. Gould - Box 7941 - Chicago, Illinois 60680
Samuel L. James, Jr. - 914 South Ave., Apt. F4 - Secane, Pennsylvania 19019
Joseph Mark Kotler - Box 248 - Glencoe, Illinois 60022
Irene E. Link - box 265 - Maxwell, California.
Theodore W. Robbins - 7 Thomas Street - Thompsonville, Connecticut 06082
Michael Super - 4895 Melbourne Road - Baltimore, Maryland 21229
Sfc Mitsuo Takemura (RA 30109400) - Madigan General Hospital - Tacoma, Washington.
James G. Tanner - 2049 South 18th Street - Philadelphia 45, Penna.
Gilbert E. Vogel - Scituate Coast Guard Station - Scituate, Massachusetts.

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= NEW FINDS =

This is a new department, which we hope to publish each month, telling of various rare tokens located by members. Only news of census tokens will be included here, although we acknowledge that plenty of non-census tokens are hard to get. But we have to draw the line somewhere.

Clarence Heppner of Seattle starts off the month with ND 600 B, an aluminum depotel from Minot. Until Clarence found his, the only known specimens of this rare token were the one in Harold Ford's collection, and the one in the museum of the American Numismatic Society at New York. The existence of this token, which is nearly identical in inscription to the fibre tokens of Minot, was discovered by Harold Ford when he was examining the A.N.S. collection back in 1958. Then ***shortly*** afterwards, Roland Atwood found one of the tokens, and Harold acquired it when he purchased part of the Atwood collection in 1961.

Donald Mazeau came up with a classic this past month when he acquired the rare Fraser, Colo., tunnel token (Colo 380 A). Don obtained this one from a relative of the man who operated the line back in the 1930's. It is believed the token was used on a primitive truck converted into a bus, in the summer, and on a sled during the winter. Until Don found this one, the only known specimen was in John Coffee's collection. John obtained it from the Atwood collection in 1961.

Joe Kotler had a stroke of good fortune this month. He was casually talking to a man who has been his next-door neighbor for fifteen years, and it seems the man formerly lived in Salem, Ohio. And sure enough, he did have one of those old aluminum tokens, Ohio 785 A, which now resides in the Kotler collection. The man remembered the streetcar line in Salem quite well. Joe's token makes five of them known. The others are in the collections of Ford, Koller, Emrick, and Coffee.

We conclude with an account by Gordon Yowell, of Walla Walla, Wash., who tells how he came up with the best tokens in his collection. He picked these up more than a month back, but his story is so interesting, we include it here:

In October, 1963, I was in Boise and as I collect merchants tokens, went to a second-hand store in that city and explained to the proprietor what I was looking for. He went to an old sewing machine we had just received and pulled a drawer out and emptied it on the counter. Among the buttons, spools, etc., were eleven old merchants tokens from Niobrara, Nebraska, and the Salem, Ore 800 A! I bought the lot from him and when I got home was looking at my Atwood Catalogue and, lo and behold, there was my Salem token pictured on Plate XVIII.

The next rare finds were my two depotels. When returning from a vacation in Arizona I stopped in a restored ghost town in the high Sierras in California, and went into an antique shop. After describing to the nice lady who ran the place what a merchant token, or store card, looked like, she said her small son had dug one up the summer before, of a famous saloon which had been in operation there in the 1870's. She said he was in school at the moment, but to give her my address and she would write me. In about two weeks I got a nice letter from her with a rubbing of the token and I sent her the money and received it. Then six months or more later I got another letter from her, showing rubbings of 15 tokens. Among them was the Comfort & Son Horse & Auto Livery token of Stromsburg, Nebr., and the Jas. R. Brown Bus Line of Mineral Point, Wisc.

The next good find was last November when my wife and I were in Vancouver, B.C. While she was shopping in the New Hudson's Bay Store, I wandered down Pember Street and passed a hole-in-the-wall place that said "Pawn Broker - Stamps & Coins." I entered and asked the proprietor (a Frenchman) if I could look through his "catch all" or "junk box." After a considerable delay he dumped a cigar box on the counter, about half full of broken cigaret lighters, parts of watches, old coins, dice, etc., and I spotted a Ku Klux Klan token (I collect these for my friend Arlie Slabaugh of Chicago), and also a token of the State Electric Company of Clinton, Ia 230 B. Upon asking how much he wanted for the two pieces, he looked wise and puffed out his cheeks, and regarding the Ku Klux Klan piece he said in broken English: "Var Rare, the Mason, the Masonic," and in regard to the Clinton token, said, "Ze Boos, Ze tram, ze train, var rare." I traded him a "Var rar" Canadian penny for the two

items.

Then, on February 3 of this year, when returning home from Spokane, I was forced due to flood conditions to take a secondary highway which wound through the rolling Palouse wheat country near the Idaho border. Looking at my gas gauge, I saw I needed fuel, and came to an isolated hamlet which had a general store and gas pumps. After filling my tank, I asked the old man who ran the place if he had any merchants tokens, the kind used 30 years ago by general stores. He said there were some in the back that were used in the period before World War I, when the place was a saloon. He departed and was gone some little time, and returned and said the durn things had disappeared. He held out his hand and said all he could find were these and I was welcome to them. He said one was "kids' play money" used on a merry-go-round "back East somewheres," and the other I later learned was an Idaho Civil War store card from Idaho City (identical to the one Bob Lindesmith has). Upon arriving home I looked in my Atwood Catalogue because the "play money" said "one ride," and wonder of wonders, it was New Jersey 20 B (previously the only specimen of this token known was owned by Dan DiMichael) from Atlantic City! It would be interesting to learn how this token got from the Board Walk of Atlantic City to a general store in the Palouse Hills of eastern Washington.

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= FEBRUARY NEW ISSUES SERVICE REPORT =

By John G. Nicolosi

Things are picking up. You will receive 5 tokens this month, if you collect both U.S. & Canada. The first one is Minn 50 Q from Anoka. We thank Mr. Wold of Princeton, Minn., for obtaining these for us. The tokens are very hard to obtain, because the company doesn't want to part with any of them and they won't answer letters. These tokens were lost enroute to me, in the mails, but luck was with us, and they were found and sent back to Mr. Wold, who sent them on to me again. They were first used in January, 1963. Next you will receive Quebec 190 B, and our thanks as usual to Bill Cassidy and Mr. St. Aubin for getting these for the Service. Third, you will receive a new Webb Ferry token from Grayville, Ill 370 D. Our thanks to John Coffee for seeing that these are available to the new issues service.

Fourth and fifth, two tokens from Vancouver, B.C. 800 B (ex-998 B) and C.

A note about the design on the plastic Vancouver token. It appears to be white, but in reality it is green and turquoise. The symbol was designed by E.R.C. "Ted" Bethune, advertising designer and art director for Crockfield Brown & Co. Ltd., the agency that handles the Hydro's advertising account. The new symbol is a somewhat abstract interpretation of very real things common to both electric energy and mother nature. The usual colors for the symbol were chosen to be green for the forests of British Columbia, and turquoise for the waters of British Columbia. The "H" shape of the emblem is representative of the insulators in a substation, the dials on a control room panel, the pointed flame of a gas jet, the rapid progress of modern life, and the "buoyant spirit" of British Columbia.

I have received word from the Chief of Police in Ottawa that the police tokens, listed last month, are not available at this time as they are still in use by the department.

No word yet on the three Camp Hill, Pa., tokens listed last month.

We shall not be able to supply the GSA tokens from Washington, D.C. You can try writing your congressman, as this seems about the only way to cut thru red tape.

We welcome this month to the New Issues Service Mr. Walt Fairfield of Houston.

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Indianapolis Transit has raised adult fares from 22¢ to 25¢ cash and transfers from 3¢ to 5¢ per ride; 5/$1 tokens have been eliminated, but those outstanding may be used for fare by payment of a token plus 5¢....Community Traction of Toledo, O., has raised school fares from 15¢ to 20¢ cash and school tokens from 4/50 to 5/85....in Philadelphia a college professor struck a woman on the head when she refused to stop playing her transistor radio; he was cheered by other passengers on the bus.

= FEBRUARY SUPPLEMENT TO ATWOOD'S CATALOGUE =

ILLINOIS

Grayville 370 (Reported by J.M. Coffee, Jr.)
WEBB FERRY GRAYVILLE, ILLINOIS
D B 35 Sd Good For One Return Trip Over Wabash River $0.75

MINNESOTA

Pipestone 660 (Reported by John C. Clymer)
NASON BUS & TRANSFER PIPESTONE, MINN.
B o A Oc Sd Good For One Fare (25mm) 5.00

OHIO

New Lexington 625 (Location discovered by John Coffee & Donald Mazeau)
KING & HOLDEN AUTO HACK LINE
B o B 29 Sd 15¢ One Way Round Trip 25¢ 3.50
[ex-Unidentified #15]

WISCONSIN

Monroe 530 (Location discovered by Gerald Johnson)[ex-Unidentified #36]
THE LUDLOW HOUSE BUS LINE
B o B 28 Sd Return Check 3.50

CANADA - BRITISH COLUMBIA

Vancouver 800 (Reported by J.A.W. Cassidy)
B.C. ELECTRIC (in script) B TRANSIT TOKEN B
B WM 22 Sd (same as obverse)(Vars.) .20
B.C. HYDRO TRANSIT TOKEN C (EMBLEM)
C Pb 29 Sd (same as obverse)(white letters) .15
[800 A,B,C, are also used in Victoria]

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= NOTES BY RALPH FREIBERG AND JOHN COFFEE =

The new Webb Ferry token is the result of the owner's having used most of the previous batch (370 C) as Christmas presents. He received 200 of the 370 C, and sent out about 125 of them with his Christmas cards, so he asked the Editor to order some new ones for him. He has now been sent 200 of the new token, 370 D, and these will be placed right into use along with the B and C which are currently in use. It is interesting to note that the owner of the ferry punched small holes in each of the 370 C tokens he sent out with Christmas cards, to see how many of them would actually be used. (So far only two have come back, he says.) He also punched about 25 extra so that leaves only 50 of the 200 sent him without the punched hole. Tokens with or without the hole are acceptable as fares. When the new tokens were ordered, we purposely designed them differently from 370 C. The new D token is slightly thinner; it has a circle of small dots around both sides; "Webb Ferry" is curved in one line around the top, while "Grayville, Illinois" is in two straight lines on the bottom. The word "one" has also been added to the reverse. The stars on the D token are larger and they are solid, while those on C are outline stars. "Illinois" is also spelled out on D. So we have an altogether different token from C. The New Issues Service will supply the 370 D to its members, and non-N.I.S. members may obtain the token from Mr. Coffee for 75¢ plus stamped envelope (he has only 30 of them). Altogether, 350 were struck of 370 D.

Mr. Clymer picked up the new Pipestone token down in Texas. We know nothing about it, except that it is exactly like the A token in appearance, with the single exception of the name of the company. So obviously one succeeded the other.

When Mr. Coffee saw that people with the names King and Holden were among the owners of the Chief Hack Line of New Lexington (page 3, January Fare Box), something clicked, and he remembered Maverick #15. He and Don Mazeau worked together tracing

down the facts on the token, and sure enough, they found a relative of one of the former partners, who now lives in another city. This man worked as driver of the hack in New Lexington during summers when he was home from college, and he had one of the King & Holden tokens, which is now owned by Mr. Mazeau. This line succeeded the Chief Hack Line (which was so-named because its owner was the chief of police in town!) and kept going up through the First World War, using primitive autos in the latter years. Incidentally, where it says "Holden Hayes, Prop." on 625 A, this is not one man. It is the name of the firm, Mr. Holden and Mr. Hayes.

The story of the Ludlow House token from Monroe, Wisc., appears elsewhere in this issue.

With regard to the Canadian tokens, the British Columbia Electric Co. started to use tokens on January 1, 1960, when they installed Grant fare boxes. At that time they placed into use a 16mm token. Students paid fare by using one token, while adults had to use two tokens to pay fare. Plans were also made to use a larger token for adults, but for some reason this larger token wasn't put into use, although they had been made. At that time we didn't know if the large token was a pattern, but we figured it might be so it was listed as a pattern. Later, we learned that they had been ordered, received, and placed in the company's vault.

On August 1, 1961, the government took over the company, which was then operated by British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority.

On January 1, 1965, fares were raised in both Victoria and Vancouver, with the same tokens to be used in both cities. The adult fare went to 20¢ or 4 tokens for 75¢, and they now took the large tokens out of the vault and put them into use as adult tokens. Of course these have the old name on them, so if more tokens are ever ordered, the new name will probably be on them.

For the student rate it was decided to continue using the 16mm token. On January 1 the student rate was 15¢ or 4 tokens for 50¢, but there was a big protest about this rate, and so on January 18--just 18 days later--the student rate was reduced to 10 for a dollar, although the 15¢ cash rate remained.

A child's fare was also introduced at 10¢ or 4 tokens for 30¢. As there was no time to get metal tokens or adjust the fare boxes to fit metal tokens, it was decided to have tokens made locally. So for the child's fare a blue plastic token was made by Listo Products, Inc. (The metal tokens were made in Sherbrooke.) The plastic token will not register as a fare in the fare boxes, so they are tripped into the scavenger compartment of the fare box by the operator.

The majority of fare boxes will only register two sizes of tokens and, usually, four sizes of coins: cents, nickels, dimes, quarters. I don't know of any fare box that registers three sizes of tokens. Cincinnati has a half fare and school tokens, but they are all registered in the same dial and then are picked out afterwards, as one is brass, another bronze, another white metal. It will be interesting to see how long these plastic tokens are used, due to their poor wearing quality.

Speaking of Canadian tokens, last month we listed a police token from Ottawa. We left out that the wording on the tokens is in yellow letters, so add to the listing (incuse yellow letters). We also learned that this police token was placed into use on March 14, 1963. The supply of them is limited, so it is doubtful if the New Issues Service will be able to supply them. So get one any way that you can.

A final note on the 23mm Vancouver token: there was a large quantity of them struck, with at least two different dies. Some of them appear with & without the periods after B C on either side of the token.

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NORTH EAST VECTURISTS TO MEET MARCH 13

The next NEVA meeting will be held Saturday, March 13, at the office of Foster B. Pollack - 1841 Broadway, Room 808, beginning at 9 a.m. The office will be closed for lunch from 12 to 1. All are welcome, and we expect lots of prominent and interesting collectors at this one.

We hope to hold the next (May) meeting back at Joe Allis' restaurant, when he gets back from Florida. We miss those lunches, Joe!

= FEBRUARY SUPPLEMENT TO THE FOREIGN CHECK LIST =
By Kenneth E. Smith

SCOTLAND

Elgin 370 (Reported by W.D. Koonce)
MORAYSHIRE RAILWAY DIRECTORS TICKET NO. (STAMPED NUMERALS)
A o Sv Ov Pc (old steam engine)(27x19mm) $6.00

FRANCE

Quillebeuf (Reported by J.M. Kotler)
BAC A VAPEUR QUILLEBEUF 20c-
A o WM Ov Sd (blank(33x27mm)(obverse letters incuse) 1.00

ENGLAND

Urmston 798 (Reported by D.C. of England)
H.R. BANNISTER THE OLD ORIGINAL BUS URMSTON
A o B Oc Sd 1d-.. (in wreath) 6.00

Unidentified (Reported by J.D. Ferguson)
M.R. COY. BRICKLAYER Y DIST. 6 SEC. 1
o B 29 Sd (old fashioned train) G.B.B.

Leeds 445 (Reported by D.C. of England)
LEEDS CITY TRANSPORT (CITY ARMS)(NEW STYLE)

BG Cr 23 Sd	2d. (BC1165)(small d)	.15
BH Cr 23 Sd	2d. " (large d)	.15
BI Cg 23 Sd	3d. (BC1802)(small d)	.15
BJ Cg 23 Sd	3d. " (large d)	.15
BK Cb 23 Sd	4d. (small d close to 4)	.20
BL Cb 23 Sd	4d. (small d far from 4)	.20
BM Cb 23 Sd	4d. (large d)	.20

Southampton 705 (Reported by K.E. Smith)
SOUTHAMPTON CORPORATION TRAMWAYS (ARMS)

AIo Co 25 Sd	1/2 d. (BC1129)	1.20
AJo Cw 25 Sd	1d. (BC1102)	.30

The Elgin, Scotland, pass was reported to me by Mr. Koonce from London when he was there last summer, and it was on sale by a private party at more than I cared to pay. Mr. Ferguson has reported that Spinks of London is now offering the same pass with the same stamped number for sale at $100 in their catalogue.

The French token is a ferry token used some time ago by a line still operating but which may soon be discontinued as a large toll bridge was built 4 miles downstream last year.

Mr. D.C. of England is a non-AVA member, transportation token collector, who has made many contributions to the foreign check list during the past four years. He also has built the second best foreign collection in these four years. The Urmston token is a horse carriage token of about 100 years ago from the style of lettering on the reverse.

Leeds has recently gone to a higher fare system due to inflation and ordered some new tokens for the new rates. Leeds destroyed all 1/2d. tokens they had on hand. Oldham also quit using 1/2d. tokens and on November 7, 1964, destroyed all 1/2d. tokens they had. Plymouth also quit using 1/2d. and 1d. tokens and destroyed a large quantity before I prevailed upon them to sell me the remainder. In the hundreds of red 1/2d. transport items were a very few orange 1/2d. tramways tokens which upon checking were probably used about 1910 for a short period. Also among the 1d. tokens I found some white tramways tokens, also long obsolete.

Remember, the first person to report a foreign token to me is the one who will be listed as the discoverer in the foreign Supplement.

Kenneth E. Smith - 328 Avenue F - Redondo Beach, Calif.

= FEBRUARY PARKING TOKEN SUPPLEMENT TO ATWOOD'S CATALOGUE =
By Duane H. Feisel

ILLINOIS

Chicago 3150 (Reported by Ferguson, Tauscher, Edkins)
PROSPECT FEDERAL SAVINGS & LOAN ASS'N OF CHICAGO (EAGLE)
A1 B 23 Sd Parking Check For Prospect Federal $0.25
DISTRICT SAVINGS ASSOCIATION (GATE)
AJ Bz 25 Sd Parcoa Token (gate)(Rev. D) .25
BENEFIT TRUST LIFE INS. CO. (GATE)
AK Bz 25 Sd Parcoa Token (gate)(Rev. D) .25

Chicago Heights 3155 (Reported by Grant B. Schmalgemeier; Edell; Tauscher)
CITIZENS FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION CHICAGO HEIGHTS, ILL.
A B 23 Sd Save With Safety Cust. Parking Check .25
CITIZEN'S FEDERAL SAVINGS & LOAN ASSO. CHICAGO HEIGHTS, ILL.
B B 23 Sd Save With Safety Cust. Parking Check .25
CITIZENS FEDERAL SAVINGS & LOAN ASSOCIATION CHICAGO HEIGHTS ILL.
C B 23 Sd Save With Safety Cust. Parking Check .25

MARYLAND

Laurel 3620 (Reported by Benjamin G. Egerton)
PARKING METER TOKEN M&CC OF LAUREL, MARYLAND
A B 23 Sd Good For Use In Laurel, Maryland Only .15
(Mayor and City Council)

MISSISSIPPI

Jackson 3460 (Reported by Roland C. Atwood)
ANY WARING PARKING LOT
A WM 20 Ch One Hour Free Parking .25

NEBRASKA

Omaha 3700 (Reported by Marjorie Calvert)
BLACKSTONE HOTEL OMAHA, NEBRASKA (GATE)
D o Bz 25 Sd Parcoa Token (gate)(Rev. A) .25

NORTH CAROLINA

Raleigh 3660 (Reported by J.D. Ferguson)
SALISBURY STREET DECK RALEIGH GOOD FOR 10¢ IN PARKING
B B 23 Sd Wilmington Street Deck Raleigh Put In Meter .15

OKLAHOMA

Enid 3330 (Reported by Donald Mazeau)
B & B PARKING LOT ENID, OKLAHOMA (GATE)
B o Bz 25 Sd Parcoa Token (gate)(Rev. B) .25

PENNSYLVANIA

Philadelphia 3750 (Reported by Streeter, Paul, DiMichael)
COCCO PARKING 317 RACE ST. PHILA. PA.
F B 25 Sd (blank) .50
a. (obverse & reverse counterstamped E)
b. (" " " " R)
c. (" " " " T)
(E = Eagle Upholstery Company; R = Rubin's Fine Furniture; T = unknown. Some of these tokens occur with Pc, but these were not put into regular use as they tended to jam the parking gate.)

TEXAS

Fort Worth 3340 (Reported by T.M. Murdock)
ST. JOSEPH HOSPITAL FT. WORTH TEXAS (GATE)
C Bz 25 Sd Parcoa Token (gate)(Rev. D) .25

UNIDENTIFIED U.S. PARKING TOKENS (Rep. by Backora, DHF, Schmal, Knoblock, Ferguson)

LOW COST PARKING 2nd AND MAIN
3021 B 23 Sd Front Street Exit Only
VARSITY LANES FREE PARKING
3022 B 23 Sd University Park Merchants Parking Lot
BLODGETT MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
3023 WM 25 Sd (blank)
BRENTWOOD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
3024 B 23 Sd Parking Check
A F I P
3025 B 25 Sd Good For Parking Only

PARKING TOKEN MANUFACTURERS' SAMPLES (Reported by A.H. Erickson)

TRAFFIC & PARKING CONTROL CO., INC.
B B 23 Sd (same as obverse)

ADDITIONS & CORRECTIONS

Calif 3450 C - on obverse it should be BLDG. and not BUILDING
Ill 3150 G - on obverse it should be HERMITAGE and not "mermitage"
Ill 3150 AF - now obsolete (reported 12/64)
La 3740 B - on obverse it should be AND (not "&")(reported 1/65)

= PARKING TOKEN NOTES BY DUANE H. FEISEL =

Again this month we have a nice listing of new parking token discoveries. Admittedly the list is swelled somewhat by some token listings that were reported a while back but not listed until now for one reason or another. The common problem of lack of information for many issues is still with us this month.

The appearance of new tokens for Chicago continues unabated. No further information is available for the Prospect Federal token beyond that which was mentioned in November, 1964. The District Savings token is probably for use of customers to gain free exit from a gate-controlled lot of the association. The Benefit Trust token is used to obtain exit from a gate-controlled lot which is for employees only. This lot is located in the area of the Howard-Hermitage intersection in Chicago. There are a number of lots in this location which are gate-controlled and token-operated, as I learned during my recent visit to Chicago when I looked over the area. The CTA has one of their Park 'n Ride lots there, the North Shore National Bank has a huge lot, Benefit Trust is there, as well as several others. Those tokens for the N.S. (North Shore) Building are used in these lots. The small 20mm tokens (Ill 3150 G,H) from that area are apparently no longer in use.

While in Chicago I also visited Independence Hall. This is an amazing non-profit institution designed to disseminate information on American history. At one time a parking lot equipped with a gate was set up for visitors to Independence Hall, and the token was used for free exit. Because drivers had to make a sharp turn just where the gate mechanism was located, it was difficult to insert the tokens into the collection device, so the gate was removed, making the tokens obsolete. In Independence Hall is a comprehensive library dealing with American history, a displayed collection of important original documents bearing signatures of many historically important Americans, and a displayed large collection of broken bank notes, continental and state currency, etc. In the Cook County Savings Association building which adjoins Independence Hall, a large collection of valuable and historically important firearms is displayed. The architecture of the buildings and even of the brick fence around the parking lots is very impressive. Perhaps you can detect my enthusiasm for the place--I wish I could have spent more time there. I would strongly recommend a visit there by anyone who happens to be in the Chicago area, either residing there or visiting. Transportation via the "L" is very convenient.

No information is available for the Chicago Heights tokens. My only comment is that they must be very widely used (and not returned to the S&L Association).

In Laurel, Md., the tokens are sold by the city to the Main Street Business Association and are distributed by their members to patrons as a good will gesture. The tokens are used in street meters in place of a nickel, and give one hour parking.

The item listed for Jackson, Miss., was reported some time back, but no one has been able to confirm the location as being correct. So this item is listed with reservations.

Correspondence with the Blackstone Hotel indicates no knowledge of parking tokens. A good guess, based on the reverse type is that the token was first used 1955 to 1958. Perhaps it was used only a short while.

Information is lacking for the Raleigh token except for that given on the token itself.

There is an interesting story behind the new listing for Enid, Okla. It seems that the item listed was the one reported to me by Don Mazeau, not the previous listing reported in December 1964. After Don verbally reported the token to me, I obtained the A token and thought that either I had misunderstood the listing provided to me, or that Don had made an error. It turns out that neither case is true.

The Cocco tokens from Philadelphia are used in a gate-controlled private parking lot. Apparently the counterstamped tokens are sold at a reduced rate to local businesses who provide them to patrons for free parking. The owner of the lot is quite reluctant to pass out tokens to collectors so letters will not only be a waste of your time but may also irritate the lot owner beyond his present state. Patience, and the Philadelphia area collectors, will eventually obtain enough of these for us.

The gate for the St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Worth has been installed for some time according to information I have. The hospital staff have not answered any correspondence, and the tokens are difficult to obtain. The reverse variety reported is a late type, and I suspect that eventually earlier types will be found.

A batch of unidentified tokens, some of which have been hanging fire for a few months, are reported without comment. Perhaps some reader will be able to help on the locations for these. 3021-2-4 seem older; 3023-5 appear to be quite recent.

Finally, a new parking token manufacturers' sample. The first information I obtained from the issuer stated that the tokens were intended solely for advertising purposes. More recent information is that while the primary purpose of the tokens is for advertising, some tokens have been furnished to gate owners to tide them over until their own tokens were delivered. At least for the time being these particular tokens will remain in the Sample, rather than the Stock Token, category.

Those collectors reporting new discoveries are to be commended for their interest and for advancing the field of parking tokens. Reports on hand which are being checked promise another nice listing next month again. Please continue to send information, including a pencil rubbing if possible, to: Duane H. Feisel - P.O. Box 215 - Medfield, Massachusetts 02052.

Just a personal note on closing. Because of a change in jobs we shall be staying right here in Medfield and not moving to New Jersey. I am now with a small company in Providence, R.I., about 30 miles from Medfield and within easy commuting distance. In my new job I shall be traveling through all of the United States, so I hope perhaps to meet some of you more distant collectors and to visit remote (by distance, no pun intended) parking lots using tokens. If anyone in the Dallas area is interested, I'll be there the week of March 28.

For those of you in my parking token new issue service (openings are available), I shall be sending out Md 3620 A, NC 3660 A, and MSPT 3003 B.

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Evansville, Ind., City Transit has raised token fares from 5/$1 to 5/$1.15....Bee Line Transit Co. has taken over from Danville (Ill.) City Lines and uses a 2/45 token which may be the old one or may be a new one....San Jose (Calif.) City Lines has raised fares from 17¢ to 20¢ and instituted a new token rate of 5/90; we don't know if it's a new one or not....Niagara Frontier Transit of Buffalo, N.Y., has eliminated its 4/90 token rate; tokens will continue for convenience at 4/$1; cash fare remains at 25¢....South Bend, Ind., has upped fares from 25¢ to 30¢ cash.

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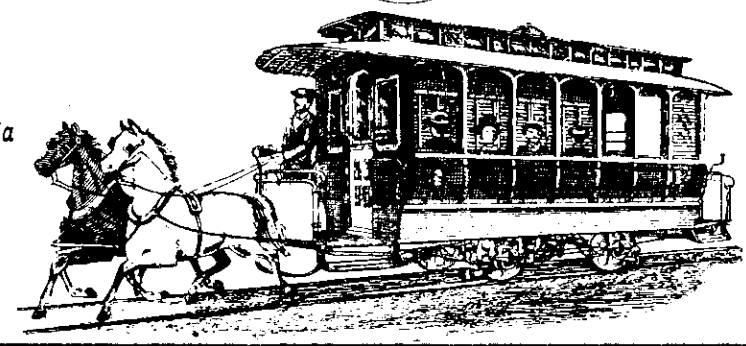

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The A.V.A. is growing so fast, and so much is happening in this hobby, that our 16-page issues of The Fare Box are bursting at the seams, and each month I am more and more behind. Next month we'll have to go to as large an issue as necessary, and spend 15¢ per copy on postage, in order to catch up. We shall send out the Index to articles in Volume 18 next month, and the Roster of all members of the A.V.A. will also be included next month. This month we include a splendid scholarly article on celluloid & vulcanite by Sam Rabinowitz. Sam has been working on this for over a year, and your Editor has been after him to get it for The Fare Box. It is the first time any publication, to my knowledge, has really dealt with these mysterious substances which compose so many of our rare tokens.

The A.V.A. Convention will be held August 6,7,8, 1965, at the Hotel Empire, Broadway at 63rd Street, New York City. Members planning to attend should write now directly to the hotel and reserve their rooms. Rates start at $7 for a single, and at $10 for a double with twin beds. Even if in doubt, make your reservations now. For those who prefer a motor hotel type of place, there is the Times Square Motor Hotel at 43rd Street West of Broadway. Rates there start at $10.50 and $16.50 respectively. So write and make your reservations now, and be sure to state that you will be attending the American Vecturist Association Annual Convention.

Your Editor attended the March 13 meeting of the North East Vecturist Assn. in Foster Pollack's office in New York City. It was of the best ever, with a large group present. But we had to have lunch at a Howard Johnson's, instead of one of Joe Allis' great luncheons, and that was the only drawback to the meeting. The next one, on May 8, will back at the old stand, and we expect lots of visitors from far places, including, we have been told, Marie Johnson and Harold Ford. Prior to the March 13 meeting, your Editor spent the night at Don Mazeau's home in Clinton, Ct., along with Dan DiMichael and Duane Feisel. Never talked tokens so much in my life!

Only a few members wrote in last month for their copies of the A.V.A. Constitution & By-Laws. This booklet also contains the Code of Ethics, and a brief history of the A.V.A. Every member is entitled to it, and if you haven't received it, please write the Editor and ask for a copy. As we said before, 10¢ postage would be appreciated, but is not necessary. In this respect, any member who writes the Editor, or any officer, or Ralph Freiberg, with a question to be answered, will get a much quicker answer if he encloses a postcard or stamped envelope for his reply.

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= A NUMISMATIC HISTORY OF VULCANITE AND CELLULOID =

By Sam Rabinowitz

= a paper read at the March 13 meeting of the North East Vecturist Association =

This paper was prepared to correct the scanty and often inaccurate information that now exists as to the origin, composition, and manufacture of hard rubber and celluloid in this country's numismatic picture. Many of these misleading conclusions resulted from an insufficient amount of chemical data available at the time together with a failure to interpret correctly certain historical and chronological facts. Consequently authors in the past have either lumped the story of hard rubber and celluloid together, divided them equally or, what was worse, failed even to include them in their writings. The outcome of all this confusion is that today the various materials involved and their reason for existence are lost in a blur of that overall title "Hard Rubber and Celluloid."

It seemed worthwhile to bring together finally all the known facts and technical knowledge of these substances, and to present some fresh interpretations on their significance in the numismatic history of the United States.

Vulcanite, hard rubber, ebonite, composition, or, as it was called in the late 19th Century, "that elastic metal," was *not*, as often implied, invented by Charles Goodyear. Although he had been working on the problem of rubber's inability to withstand high or low temperature for several years, it remained for Nathaniel Hayward, Goodyear's plant foreman, to discover and patent in 1839 what was called the "Solarizing process." Hayward mixed crude rubber with sulphur and exposed the material to sunlight. The resulting substance was the finest rubber ever produced in this country, but when attempts were made to apply the process commercially, the products still became sticky in warm weather and brittle in cold.

Goodyear acquired the patent from Hayward and continued the search for a satisfactory method of vulcanization. During the winter of 1839-40, he accidentally dropped a mixture of rubber and sulphur on a hot stove. The high degree of heat charred the mixture and turned it into vulcanite, a dense black substance capable of being readily cut and polished. By varying the amount of sulphur in the mixture and the degree of heat, Goodyear was able to produce the soft or elastic rubber we know today.

On December 6, 1841, Goodyear submitted a claim of invention and in 1843 he made an application for a patent. He acquired his famous patent for making hard rubber buttons in 1851 but actually began manufacturing in 1849.

Prior to 1860, the production of rubber goods was confined to those firms licensed under Goodyear's basic patents. During this period, there were two different types of products produced...soft rubber and hard rubber items. Typical of the former were cushions, mattress covers, tents, shoes, raincoats and awnings. Among the latter were buttons, combs, tool handles and printers rolls.

On July 1, 1860, Goodyear died and his rubber patents expired. The field was thrown wide open to other manufacturers. A year later, the Civil War produced a situation that was to foster the emergence of vulcanite as a numismatic material in the United States.

After a few months of the conflict, the minor coins in circulation began to disappear very rapidly. By 1862 the problem had become acute. Although the government attempted to remedy the situation by issuing fractional and postage currency, cash in the form of coins became a tangible asset. In order that business could be transacted as usual, merchants were forced to issue notes of credit, promises to pay, encased postage stamps, and tokens, as a means of making change.

Although this sufficed for most types of businesses, there were some that required tokens in massive quantities. Foremost among these were the early transportation companies. Unfortunately, after a year or two, the tool and die makers who manufactured metal transportation tokens were so swamped with orders that drastic limitations were imposed on the quantity produced for any given firm.

The transportation companies found themselves in a critical situation. The tokens that were so necessary to their operation in normal times could not be produced

in this troubled period. Paper tickets could have been used, but since their useable life was short, it meant a constant drain on the company's treasury to produce more of them.

A fast, cheap and efficient method to produce re-useable tokens in quantity was needed. Vulcanite answered this call. By 1863 many of the companies making hard rubber items for the retail trade had switched over completely or at least partially to the production of tokens.

Although eventually manufactured for use as store cards, medals, and general merchandise tokens, it was in the production of tickets for transportation companies that vulcanite really came of age. Because over 50% of all the hard rubber tokens made were used as transportation tokens, I believe that they should be examined as a representative group.

Contrary to popular opinion, hard rubber tokens were not produced from a mold. Crude rubber was mixed in large containers, the various component elements added, and the mix poured into large flat sheets for the vulcanization process. Afterwards, they were allowed to cool and dry, then were placed in a pre-heated hydraulic press that had reverse dies on the bed and obverse dies on the ram. The combination of heat and pressure produced the tokens. Depending upon the size of the machine, anywhere from 10 to 100 tokens could be produced from an individual pressing. This method of utilizing numerous dies for one striking explains the reason why so many different die varieties exist on vulcanite tokens.

The early vulcanite transportation tokens were round and thin...the later issues were thicker and capable of being struck in any shape. Unless artificially colored while in a liquid state prior to striking, they were black. The colored tokens ran in shades of orange-red to chocolate brown. In addition to these, I have seen other tokens and store cards in shades of gray, light gray-blue, blue, and green, so it would appear that almost any color could have been produced. It was possible to introduce foreign elements into the mix before striking (example: Pa 15 A & B), or to vary the percentage of sulphur in the vulcanization process to achieve a glossy or matte finish...or even a semi-transparent effect.

Vulcanite was immune to almost all of the corrosive attacks metals are prone to, could resist the action of most reagents, and was insoluble in any known solvent. About the only way the tokens could be damaged was exposure to excessive sunlight, which made them extremely brittle, or fire which would melt them.

All in all, vulcanite appeared to be a "dream" material for the manufacture of numismatic items. Yet, with all of its assets, it was to be in extensive use for less than 20 years, thereafter rapidly declining, so that by 1900 it had disappeared entirely.

The reason for this decline can best be described as an extension of the law of supply and demand. Prior to 1870, crude rubber from the Hevea trees in the Amazon Valley of South America was selling at less than 75¢ a pound. In the 1880's, it was over 85¢, and by 1892 it was well over $1.00 a pound. The year 1910 saw the price of a pound of rubber skyrocket to over $2.50. All of these rising costs were due to the increasing industrial uses of rubber coupled with a diminishing supply, because of greedy exploitation of both trees and labor.

To examine this situation more closely, it is necessary to go back to February 11, 1878. This was the date of the founding of the first bicycle club in the United States...the Boston Bicycle Club. Membership in such clubs was a badge of acceptance and social standing in those days, so much so that by 1880, when the League of American Wheelmen was founded, there were hundreds of them spread throughout the country. The bicycle craze developed steam-roller proportions and continued to grow until, in the final decade of the 19th Century, the wheel had become an accepted way of life.

In 1889, J.B. Dunlop introduced the first rubber pneumatic tire wheel. By 1892 this tire was in general use by the bicycle millions on both continents. Added to this were the thousands of pneumatic tires produced for buggy wheels. In 1893 over 1,000,000 persons in the United States were riding on rubber. Between 1890 and 1896 Americans spent over $100,000,000 on "wheels." Men and women deprived themselves of necessities to own and ride bicycles. Three hundred dollars was the cost of the first bicycles produced and even in 1895 their price was $100. This, in an era when

eggs were 14¢ a dozen. And, when it seemed that this economic bubble must surely burst, the pneumatic automobile tire was introduced.

The effect of this exploding new industry on existing rubber manufacturers can be imagined. In 1885 alone, over 30 producers of various rubber items including tokens on the eastern seaboard switched over completely to the manufacture of rubber tires. In 1899 there were 312 factories producing bicycles in the United States, and this figure doesn't include the hundreds of shops that only produced the refined rubber.

In addition to this, exploitation of native labor and the indiscriminate tapping of trees gradually destroyed the plantations in South America and forced this portion of the industry to relocate in the East Indies...further adding to the cost of crude rubber and, at least for the first few years, the quantity available.

And so, the day of the vulcanite token was slowly drawing to a close. Not only was the cost of the tickets much higher, but there were very few manufacturers left with the equipment to strike them. They had, for the most part, disposed of their presses, bought new dies, and were busily engaged in turning out rubber tires.

Once again, the rapid transit companies found themselves in a quandary. True, there was no critical situation this time...metal was available to strike tokens in quantity...but for over 20 years, the general riding public had grown accustomed to the light-weight colorful tokens. They had become an accepted way of life and the public "expected" them to look and feel the same way hard rubber tickets had.

This time, not just a substitute for vulcanite, but a duplicate of the material was needed. The transportation companies turned in desperation to the infant plastic industry and the first of the modern organic compounds of synthetic origin...celluloid.

Because of a serious shortage of elephants' tusks during the Civil War, certain billiard ball manufacturers offered a reward of $10,000 for a satisfactory substitute for ivory. In 1863, John Wesley Hyatt, a printer in Newark, N.J., cut his finger. First aid for wounds in those days meant Collodian or "New Skin"...soluble guncotton dissolved in ether and utilized as a coating to stop excessive bleeding. Wyatt found that the cork had fallen out of his bottle of collodian and that it had solidified into a tough, hard mass. He had just read of the $10,000 reward, and so, with his brother I.S. Hyatt, embarked upon a series of experiments based on "New Skin." In 1869 after six years of hard work, they invented celluloid, and on July 12, 1870, the brothers patented their new process and won the prize. A similar material had been made in 1855 by English chemists, but it didn't prove to be as vaulable commercially as that made by the Hyatt brothers.

The name as well as the substance was derived from cellulose, which was gelatinized in ethyl alcohol or a solution of camphor in methyl. The resulting doughy mixture was then heated and could be pressed into any desired form or rolled into transparent sheets. Like vulcanite, it was hard and very strong. It was capable of being cut, sawed, drilled, and polished. It could be artificially dyed without danger of discoloration, and although it softened in hot water, it was waterproof.

For the first ten years of its existence, celluloid was used principally as a substitute for ivory in the manufacture of billiard balls, piano keys, handles for knives or forks, poker chips, and ornamental buttons. Thought had been given to the possibility of using the material for tokens, but since it was highly inflamable and vulcanite was still available and inexpensive, the idea was abandoned. In the early 1880's however, when hard rubber tokens became much more expensive to produce, celluloid's faults were overlooked in a desperate attempt by transit officials to give the public what it expected.

In New York City, the Celluloid Novelty Company was the first manufacturer of tickets. They opened for business in 1882 and utilized two distinct and separate methods of production. In the first method, molten celluloid was poured into a small hand-operated metal mold containing several matrixes and then allowed to dry. In the second method, processed celluloid in sheet form was fed into a pre-heated hydraulic press in exactly the same way (save for the amount of heat used) as employed for hard rubber tokens.

The cast or mold method produced by far the best tokens...always uniform in color or texture. However, because it was a hand operation, the process was extremely

time-consuming, resulting in both increased labor costs and lower token production. Also this method was invariably wasteful because many of the matrixes were never properly filled and there was no way to check results until the celluloid dried. Upon removal from the mold, not only were there many empty matrixes, but if the operator happened to terminate the process prior to the complete cooling and drying of the celluloid, tokens were produced that had both regular relief type and incused type on the same piece.

The pre-heated hydraulic press method would always produce tokens with clipped edges. It was a fault common to both vulcanite or celluloid in the production of tokens. It was not, as many people believe, an injury the token sustained during use. If 100 tokens were made in any one given pressing, at least 25% had a small clipped edge. Several other faults were always associated with celluloid in a hydraulic press. One was a condition caused by a press that was not hot enough and produced tokens with a "fractured" or glazed undersurface. Too hot a press would produce warped or undersize tokens. And, if the original celluloid sheet that was fed into the press had too many air bubbles per square inch, tokens were produced with a highly pitted surface. Nevertheless, with all of its shortcomings, the pre-heated hydraulic press method was used for the majority of celluloid transportation tokens because it was faster, cheaper, and produced a greater quantity of tokens.

Celluloid, unlike vulcanite, had no natural color. It was a transparent material. Since it had been invented as a substitute for ivory, it was only natural that the first hue utilized was cream. By the late 1870's, this color had become the "standard" for all items manufactured in celluloid. When, in the 1880's, this material began being used for tickets, the rapid transit companies had to accept this cream color in the same way their predecessors had to accept black vulcanite tokens. The problem was that the colors used for dyeing vulcanite tokens had a natural organic source and were not compatible with celluloid. This was the reason why so many cream-colored celluloid tokens were dipped in enamel paint. It was a cheap and efficient way to change their color. Another method used to eliminate this cream hue was the utilization of dried blood as a coloring medium. This process was invented by Wilford Palmer of New York City in 1880 and was originally used in the manufacture of buttons. Palmer's method eventually produced the transportation tokens we now label as carmine.

It wasn't until 1884 or 1885, with the advent of new synthetic dyes, that any color could be utilized in the manufacture of celluloid tokens. It is interesting to note why these color changes were necessary for transportation tokens. In many cases, it was to signify an increased fare change when a great quantity of old colored tokens were still in the public's hands. Another reason was to indicate to transit officials which particular section of their line was making money. Most of the large streetcar companies had various routes. Each color signified a particular route and could not be used on any other. In this way, the flow and quantity of traffic over an individual route could be studied and evaluated. The different colored tokens would tell rapid transit company executives whether a route should be abandoned or more streetcars added.

While it appeared that the transit companies of the day had effectively discovered the perfect substitute for vulcanite, one damaging property of celluloid could not be overlooked...the danger of fire. From the beginning, car barns, power plants, and offices, were highly combustible. Fuel was always available in the form of hay, oil-soaked floors, and wooden roof beams. The spark was supplied by faulty kerosene lanterns, electrical short circuits or just plain human failing. As a result, watchmen were always on guard and most of the fires were extinguished before extensive damage resulted. However, when celluloid tokens began being used and stored in quantity, the danger of complete destruction was increased a hundredfold. Celluloid did not just burn...when excessive heat reached a considerable amount of the stored material, a terrible explosion occurred. Other than keeping heat and flames away from the tokens, there was no defense against this type of conflagration. With the inadequate fire-fighting equipment of the day, such a blaze was controllable only after it had run its course.

Celluloid fires, far from being an unusual occurrence, were indeed quite commonplace. The exact number of destructive blazes directly attributed to these tokens

is lost to history, but old copies of the Street Railway Journal and Electric Railway Journal point out certain specific instances. One example was a fire in the early 1890's that completely gutted the carbarns and offices of the Sioux City Street Railway Company in Iowa. This was a celluloid holocaust from which the company never really recovered, and in 1894 it was finally taken over by the Sioux City Traction Company.

Railway officials, recognizing the danger, attempted at the outset to replace celluloid with other substances. Working in conjunction with both the plastic industry and token manufacturers, they instituted an experimental program that resulted in the eventual adoption and use of several different kinds of substitute materials for a limited amount of time.

Down through the years, to provide a simpler method of identification for numismatists, these tokens were always placed under the broad category of "celluloid," even though they contained many different organic compounds of synthetic or natural origin.

Two of these substitute materials were hoof and horn...both natural bone products. They were composed chiefly of a condensed albuminoid substance called Keratin. The method of production was invented by William Niles of Jersey City, N.J., in 1880. The hoof or horn was ground into a fine powder, mixed over heat with a cellulose derivative until a liquid stage was reached, then poured into thin flat sheets and allowed to dry. Thereafter the method of striking tokens was the same as for vulcanite or celluloid in a hydraulic press. Examples of transportation tokens manufactured by this method were Ohio 475 D and Pa 310 A.

While these tokens possessed many of the good qualities of celluloid or vulcanite, they could only be struck by a completely relief die of the obverse and reverse. This produced a token with incused type and design. Also, while not as volatile as celluloid, it was still inflamable because of the small amount of cellulose used as a filler in the mix. Although used primarily at the turn of the century, it eventually became more expensive to use the hoof or horn because of the demand for these substances as fertilizers and was soon abandoned in favor of celluloid.

The very nature of celluloid's inflamability (and hard rubber's melting point) is one of the main reasons why tokens composed of these substances are so scarce today. Fires, not only accidental, but those set by transportation employees involved in labor agitation during the later decade of the 19th Century accounted for over 50% of the loss. Natural disasters such as floods, especially along the Mississippi River, and earthquakes which more than likely destroyed all the specimens of vulcanite or celluloid used in San Francisco prior to 1906, took their toll of the tickets. There were many others...but one in particular with regard to vulcanite tokens may not be known to numismatists. In the late 1890's and early 1900's, various American rubber manufacturers offered rewards for bulk quantities of any old products that contained rubber. This was an attempt on their part to alleviate the critical shortage of rubber produced by the relocation of most of the plantations from South America to the East Indies. Rubber companies were able to take the hard or soft rubber, reprocess it and end up with practically crude rubber again. Transit companies unloaded a tremendous quantity of old vulcanite tokens at this time and got enough money from the transaction to make a down payment on the newer celluloid tickets.

The first decade of the 20th Century saw the use of celluloid transportation tokens gradually decline. The reasons usually given to explain this situation (increased labor costs because of the rise of trade unions...aluminum or pressed fibre tokens which proved to be even cheaper and more efficient than celluloid) are all valid. However, the real reason for this decline started in the year 1905. The "Pay As You Enter" system of collecting fares was introduced on many street railways. Prior to this, the conductor would have to remember who paid and who didn't. If a passenger who entered from either end of the streetcar could successfully mingle with the other passengers, a fare would be lost. "PAYE" eliminated this by depending on fare boxes that would register because of the weight of a coin dropping against a hinged door...or automatic and portable registers that would react to an exact fit of a coin in a slot. The light weight of celluloid coupled with its inconsistent size and ability to warp eliminated it almost completely as a medium for transportation tokens by the end of the First World War.

Those transit companies that still utilized the old method of fare collecting continued ordering celluloid tokens well into the 1930's, but these tickets were produced from dies originally manufactured in the 19th Century.

And so, a numismatic era had ended. In extensive use for less than 45 years, vulcanite and celluloid...the "emergency money" spawned by the Civil War, had been eliminated and replaced as transportation tokens by a widely scattered and diverse set of circumstances...not the least of which was progress.

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THE SNYDER BUS & TRANSFER LINE OF BELMOND, IOWA

Donald Mazeau, Secretary of the A.V.A., in an attempt to locate some of the rare old tokens (Iowa 75 A) used by this line, obtained publicity in the Belmond newspaper. As a result of it, he received the following letter from the son of the man who operated the line, who now lives in Southern California. We publish such letters as interesting source material on the history of old token-using companies, and this one is reproduced below exactly as written...

Dear Mr. Mazeau: An artical in the Belmond Iowa paper was called to my attention wherein you were asking about the Snyder Bus & Transfer line there or anything about there family--also about tokens in the bus line.

I can not help you with the tokens use to play with them as a kid in Belmond. Inasmuch as cant remember any Mazeaus in Belmond have taken a guess you might have been a traveling man in those early days.

The bus line and livery stable was owned by my father F.E. Snyder but known to all traveling men as Frank. He had two horse drawn busses & made all trains in addition to the C.G.W. mentioned in the artical there were in those days passenger service on the R.I. as well as the old Iowa Central later the M & St L.

Dad bought this line in '99 and operated it till the autos had about ruined that method of RR travel & also the renting of buggies to travelers which was a big business in those days.

If you remember Belmond in those days you will remember the old Kern House (burned about 1915) & the then quite modern? Case Hotel run by John Rule.

Dad died in '36 there were three of us children 2 boys & 1 girl. All went thru the Belmond schools & made periodic trips back up to about '45. Family children names were Carl Hazel & Clare. All of us now living in So. Calif.

If interested hope this answers some of your questions wish I had lots of Dads tokens to sell...we got a similar request several years ago.

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CHICAGO COLLECTORS TO MEET APRIL 25

The next meeting of the Chicago Area Token & Medal Society will be held in conjunction with the Central States Numismatic Convention. We shall be their guests on Sunday, April 25, at 2 pm in the Pick-Congress Hotel. Guest speaker will be Mr. Glen Smedley, speaking on the medals of Victor D. Brenner. Everyone is invited to attend.

The March meeting was devoted to a discussion and planning for our bid to host the 1966 A.V.A. Convention in Chicago. The main factors that would make it the best ever being our central location, and the combination of the A.N.A. and T.A.M.S. conventions at the same time.

Among the exhibits of transportation tokens at the meeting was an unlisted Chicago Street Carette token in brass, belonging to Arlie Slabaugh.

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The City of Niagara Falls, N.Y., which now operates all transit lines in the city, is going to build a $12,000,000 monorail, ten blocks long from Falls & Prospect Sts. to Erie & Quay Sts. It is expected to be ready this June.

= NEW FINDS =

Not so much to report in the way of new finds this month. Of course new finds of unlisted tokens are explained in Ralph Freiberg's notes. This page is to tell of new finds of already known rarities. If you have picked up a census token recently, please write and tell us about it, even if the circumstances of your coming into the ownership of it seem prosaic. The location of any census token is always news.

Gordon Yowell has found another rarity this past month: Minn 230 E. He sends along a photograph for publication in the next picture issue of The Fare Box. It is a beautiful token, actually a souvenir piece given delegates on a special train in lieu of tickets. In this regard it is similar in use to the LRY tokens from Vermont and New Hampshire. Because it was a one-shot deal, and not used over and over, we list these things as tokens. Yowell's token makes five of them known; the others are held by Ford, Freiberg, Smith, and Coffee.

Your Editor and Your Secretary found a couple of nice ones this past month: the King & Holden Auto Hack Line tokens, formerly listed as Unidentified, now known to be from New Lexington, Ohio. It was mention in the February Fare Box that Mazeau had got one of the tokens from a son of a former owner of the line. Well, that gentleman found another token, which is now residing in the collection of Ye Editor. The King & Holden tokens are very late depotels, having been used in the early 1920's on early autos, rather than on horse-drawn hacks. There are two die varieties of the token, and two of each type are now known to exist.

Late news on the Thomasville, N.C., aluminum tokens listed in the January Fare Box. Seems a gentleman at the Chamber of Commerce there had ten of the tokens, five of each kind, which were quickly grabbed up by greedy collectors (including Ye Editor). Now, it seems, because of newspaper publicity, other people in town who also have a few of these tokens are hanging onto them for dear life, believing that they are worth a fortune apiece. When this happens, collectors might just as well forget it.

Kenneth Hayes of Lafayette, Calif., recently found three of the rare little token from Guam, and he relates for us how this good fortune came to him...

There is a long-retired coin dealer who lives in my area who, when I showed him my token collection, told me that when he had retired, he had a few things he didn't sell with his business (he had lived in another state before he retired). Anyway, the shop he owned was sold apart from the coins and supplies, and he sold the supplies in various bidding lots. One of the lots was made up of a bag of about 1,500 tokens, and some very common German, etc., coins. When the auction was all over, he discovered that no one had bid on the token-coin lot. Figuring it wasn't worth the money to advertise them for sale, he just stuck them in his basement. When I asked him what he wanted for them--sight unseen--and told him about the A.V.A., showed him the Catalogue, etc., he said "You can sell 'em easier than I can, so take "em all for $20." So, upon going through them I found tokens from Wisconsin, Guam, and other places worth $5 each or less, and even though I told him what they were worth, he told me a deal was a deal, and he'd stick to it. Among the tokens I got out of it were 3 Guam 25 A's and a Madison, Wis. $5 token!

Don Mazeau also sends along a rubbing of a very interesting item. It is not a transportation token, but it might fit into the Manufacturers' Sample category. It was made by James Murdock, Jr., of Cincinnati, who struck many of the old and rare fare tokens of a hundred years ago (See Ohio 165 I,J, for example). Anyway, this thing on the obverse has a picture of an ancient locomotive with one car, and the inscription: "JAS. MURDOCK, JR. M'F'G OF BAGGAGE CHECKS. CINCINNATI, O." On the reverse, it says: "STAMPS FOR STATIONS, OFFICES & WORK SHOPS BADGES PUNCHES LEAD SEALS, WIRES & PRESSES & EVERY ARTICLE IN THIS LINE PERTAINING TO RAILROAD BUSINESS METALIC CHECKS FOR ALL PURPOSES" and then in the center, in a small 10mm circle, it says "LORD'S PRAYER SMALLEST EVER COINED" and inside of that, in a tiny 5mm circle, is the full wording of The Lord's Prayer! The piece is an oval, 44mm by 30mm. The non-member who owns it, and sent the rubbing to Don, neglected to say what metal it is made of...but whatever it is, it certainly is an interesting item.

WANTED: trade checks of Penna. & Hickey Brothers tokens. Give description & price wanted. Also $1 crisp Federal Reserve notes. Will send Phila. note in exchange.
Daniel DiMichael - P.O. Box 485 - Coatesville, Pa. 19320

FOR SALE AT BEST OFFER - one lot, Official N.Y. World's Fair 1939/40, Bulletins, Booklets, folders, maps, posters, glossy photos and halftones, tickets, and 1937 Legion coin advtg '39 Fair. Write for complete list.
G. Schroder - 78-14 160th Street - Flushing, N.Y. 11366

FOR SALE - 1951 and 1952 back issues of The Fare Box complete. Also June 1952. Best offer. = J. McKay-Clements - P.O. Box 970 - Haileybury, Ontario, Canada.

To highest cash bidder: Wis 180 E, 360 A, 410 C, 510 D, 980 C.
Gerald Johnson - 1921 Chase Street - Wisconsin Rapids, Wis. 54494

List available of over 150 different types of tokens for sale. Free copy sent upon request. 100 different TT's, in 2x2 Kraft envelopes, $14 postpaid. WANTED: any tokens other than those from U.S. or Canada which you will sell for below catalogue.
Kenneth V. Hayes, Jr. - 5 Arbor Way - Lafayette, Calif. 94549

Trade a Minn 290 A dupe (as pictured in February 1965 Fare Box) for any token cataloguing $5 or any depotel cataloguing over $3.00 that I can use.
Kenneth E. Smith - 328 Avenue F - Redondo Beach, Calif.

Your one PT or your two TT's, plus stamp, will get you 1 25¢ TT, 1 15¢ TT, 1 transfer, 1 used multiple trip ticket & 1 wooden nickel.
George R. Picton - 183 Hanover Street - Wilkes-Barre, Penna.

More trivia at nominal bids: Calif 575 O, 745 P, 815 D (Fare Box page 158); Conn 305 L, Ia 600 E, Mich 370 O; Ohio 165 AE; Ontario 675 F G H; NY 630 U, priceless? See Atwood page 165.
A.H. Erickson - 3125 N. 49th St. - Milwaukee, Wis. 53216

Have one specimen of horsecar token, Wisc 510 D for sale to highest cash bidder. Also for sale to high bidder: IND 180 A; OHIO 600 A; S.D. 780 A; ONTARIO 125 A. For those who missed out last time, I have a few more Ill 370 B at $1.00 each plus stamped envelope. AND, Mass 550 A for sale at 25¢, 550 C at $1.00, 550 F at 50¢, plus stamped envelope.
J.M. Coffee, Jr. - P.O. Box 1204 - Boston, Mass. 02104

I have assorted uncirculated cigarette tokens to trade for 15¢ trans. or pkg tokens.
T.M. Murdock - P.O. Box 411 - Mesquite, Texas 75149

Camp Hill, Pa., tokens (see Jan. FB pages 14 & 16). These are hard to get. One full set of 3 pieces available for best offer in trade only. Also 50 transp. tokens all different including one cataloguing 25¢ - $7.00 postpaid.
Norman E. Sherman - 4295 Marina Drive - Santa Barbara, Calif. 93105

For sale: 25 all diff. transp. tokens @ $2.75 per lot postpaid. 2 lots only. Also other tokens for trade.
Frank P. Smolen - 138 Carroll Avenue - Painesville, Ohio 44077

AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER: all California, 100 A B C, 125 D, 205 B C, 275 A B, 395 A B C D E, 435 B, 525 B, 535 A B C D, 575 Ab C G, 650 A, 705 A, 745 B D E F G, 760 E 775 C D G, 835 E F, 880 A, 950 A B C (thick), 975 A.
Michael Super - 4895 Melbourne Road - Baltimore, Md. 21229

For Sale or trade: Ohio 730 B and D. Prefer trades. If cash deal send self-addressed envelope & stamp. Have several trades so send list of duplicates.
George H. Sanders - 1570 South Quieto Ct. - Denver, Colo. 80223

For Sale - 100 diff. tokens for $15.00 (including some 25¢ tokens in each lot). The following is a sample of my trading material: Ariz 720 A; Hawaii 540 A; Ind 680 A; NM 40 A; NY 35 B, 630 E; Ohio 175 C T, 230 E; Pa 750 AB; Tex 50 A, 890 A; Wyo 810 A; Quebec 620 O, 745 D. What do you have to swap? No time for auction this month; I hope to leave for a vacation to the East Coast on April 24.
Harold Ford, Jr. - 1999 Gaspar Drive - Oakland, Calif. 94611

AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER: Calif 745 P; Ill 150 Y; Md 60 N T; Mich 375 A B; NJ 185 A; NY 105 K, 630 T; Ohio 175 V Z; Pa 15 J, 750 Z; parking tokens: Ark 3360 B; NC 3630 A; Mfg Stock 3051 B; also a collection of 30 diff. telephone tokens, a real nice collection to please you.
Bob Paige - 225 Lincoln Avenue - Collingdale, Pa. 19024

I will send you a different token for every Ohio 990 B you send me.
Ross E. Thorpe - 181 West Chalmers Ave. - Youngstown, Ohio 44507

Denver & Rio Grande RR books of 1880's & 1890's for sale. WANTED: Hickey Bros. merchant tokens and wooden nickels. Let's trade. 10 diff. transp. tokens (includes 1 at 20¢ cat.) for 90¢ plus 10¢ postage.
Ray Goyette - 8 Barry Drive - West Orange, N.J. 07052

Okla 280 C and D to trade for parking tokens for my collection. Also have a few parkings to trade. Send your duplicate list if you wish to trade.
Mrs. Mary Allen - 200 East Burney - Madill, Okla. 73446

Fine new arrivals from England. Only 50¢ each postpaid. "THE HORSE BUS AS A VEHICLE" a history of the horse-drawn omnibus; 32 pp. 25 ills. "LONDON ON WHEELS" public transport in the 19th Century; 24 pp. 15 ills...Still selling well "FERRIES OF THE SOUTH" by Walt Wheelock. The California lines at Yuma Crossing, San Diego, Balboa, San Pedro and Santa Catalina; Pp. 39, maps, table, and index, $1.10 postpaid.
J.M. Kotler, Bookseller. - P.O. Box 248 - Glencoe, Ill. 60022

One beautiful large bronze 23mm uncirculated obsolete Cypress Tree Bus Token, Calif 125 D (Carmel) for any token from Ala., Alaska, Ariz., Colo., Conn., Ida., Iowa, Me., Miss., Nev., NJ, NM, ND, RI, SD, Vt., Vyo. or Puerto Rico, stamped envelope and 50¢. Limit two per individual.
John L. Trembley - 127 Luzon Road - Ford Ord, Calif. 93941

HIGHEST BIDDER (ALL CANADA): BC 450 A C D E, 625 B, 650 A, 900 A; N.S. 450 A, 850 C, 100 B to L incl. (unc.) set; Ont 125 A, 325 C, 675 F G H I; Que 200 Aa, 345 A, 360 E F. Also 1948 Atwood Check List, used, but good reference. Still have for a trade a bronze replica of San Francisco cable car bank for similar type bank.
John G. Nicolosi - 3002 Galindo Street - Oakland, Calif. 94601

For Sale: 150 varieties of parking tokens. 15¢ cat. items for 25¢, 25¢ cat. items for 40¢. Send your want-list and I'll ship one of each as far as they go, postpaid. I'll trade 25¢ cat. PT's for 25¢ cat. TT's I need. Send TT dupe list & PT wantlist.
Don Edkins - 120 Stanley Drive - Williamsburg, Va. 23185

SPECIAL: Newer collectors may find my offer attractive. For each dollar up to $10 sent to me, I will send you 10 different transp. tokens. For example, for $7 I will send you 70 diff. tokens of my choice, postpaid. Send $1 plus addressed stamped envelope for NY 445 C D(p&c) E F G(lge & sm slots) plus 6 diff. Kingston transfers.
Duane H. Feisel - P.O. Box 215 - Medfield, Mass. 02052

For Sale: Steelton, Pa., Centennial Medals, Bronze, $1.25 postpaid. WANTED: German and French trans. tokens, also German & French notgeld tokens. Have some German trans. tokens to trade.
Robert M. Brown, Jr. - 220 S. 13th St. - Harrisburg, Pa. 17104

FOR TRADE: many transportation & parking tokens cataloguing from 20¢ to 50¢ to trade for equal value tokens from Michigan and West Virginia. Have Pa 15 E, NY 695 A, Minn 510 A, and Wisc 600 B (grading E.F. to Unc.) at the same trade terms.
Mike Taylor - 226 N. Ridgeway - Battle Creek, Mich. 49015

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= ALL AUCTIONS LISTED IN THIS ISSUE CLOSE APRIL 20 =

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A.V.A. member Leon S. Rosenblum of Fair Lawn, N.J., was appointed by President Johnson to serve on the U.S. Assay Commission, which verifies the quality, or lack of it, of United States coins....A.H. Erickson received top bids of $37.50 for each of 3 rare tokens in a recent auction: Pa 455 C; Wis 410 Ca, 410 Cb. The tokens went for 10% above the 2nd high bid, so they sold for $29.15 each....Kensington & Frankford Plank Road (Philadelphia) was the old name for Kensington Avenue. It was freed of tolls in the year 1873, so those tokens were used prior to 1873....New York City Transit Authority has ordered 200 new subway cars at a cost of $22,552,600.

= MARCH SUPPLEMENT TO ATWOOD'S CATALOGUE =
By Ralph Freiberg

ALABAMA

Selma 730 (Reported by Donald Edkins)
SELMA BRIDGE CO. SELMA, ALA. (BRIDGE)
A o B 21 Sd Return Check 1884 5 $3.50

ARIZONA

Miscellaneous 1000 (Reported by John G. Nicolosi)
WELDON RIDING STABLES BR 5-2421 5400 E. VAN BUREN
/GOOD FOR 25¢ ON 1 RIDE
G We 38 Sd Wooden Nickel (Indian head)

ILLINOIS

Patterns 998 (Reported by Arlie Slabaugh)
CHICAGO STREET CARETTE ONE FARE
I B 23 Sd Good For One Fare (streetcar)
[This token is a brass muling of the obverse die of Ill 150 F and the reverse die of Iowa 390 B. Because the Chicago Street Carette Company operated horse-drawn non-rail cars (similar to omnibuses) and no other brass tokens have shown up except this one, which is uncirculated, we believe it to be a pattern until proven otherwise.]

INDIANA

Clinton 160 (Reported by Marie A. Johnson)
ANTONINI TRANSIT LINES, INC. (BUS)
C o WM 16 Bl Good For One Fare (bus)(2 slots) .15

MASSACHUSETTS

Brockton 135 (Reported by Gilbert E. Vogel)
EASTERN MASSACHUSETTS ST. RY. CO. EM
D WM 16 Bl Good For One Zone Fare EM .30
[This token is used throughout the system, in dozens of eastern Massachusetts cities and towns. It is listed from Brockton only because the main office of the firm is located there.]

VIRGINIA

Alexandria 20 (Reported by Julius Sherr)
A.B. & W. TRANSIT CO. 3
N B 23 B Fare Change Token 3 .25

WISCONSIN

Manitowoc 420 (Reported by Marie A. Johnson)
HENRY MEANY LIVERY MANITOWOC, WIS.
E o A 25 Sd Good For One Ride From Hotel to Depot 3.50

CANADA - BRITISH COLUMBIA

Miscellaneous 1000
GOOD FOR 5¢ AT SMITHERS TAXI 24 HOUR SERVICE RADIO CONTROLLED
/CABS SMITHERS, B.C. 847-2424 U.S.A.
A We 38 Sd Wooden Nickel (Indian head)

= NOTES BY RALPH FREIBERG =

It seems that all we can read in the papers these days is about the city of Selma, and as we have never listed a token from there before, we shall do so this month. Selma is about 50 miles from Montgomery and I've seen mention of people going over a bridge on the way to Montgomery. The bridge we have read about is a bridge built in 1940, which took the place of the bridge for which we have the token. The Selma Bridge Corp. was formed in 1884. The corporation built the bridge and immediately made it available to the public subject to tolls. In 1884 river traffic was very heavy and a turning span was built to allow boats in the river to pass. For some 15 years after the old bridge was built there was speculation in the stock of the Selma Bridge, and by 1899 practically all of the original stockholders had sold their shares. In January, 1899, Dallas County bought the bridge for $65,000, and later it became free of tolls. This bridge lasted until May, 1940, when a new bridge took its place. Don Edkins who reported the token also came up with information about the bridge. Possibly the token was for foot passengers with a 5¢ round trip toll. As it carries the date 1884 it is presumed the token was used between 1884 and about 1900. There may also have been tokens for wagons or buggies, of course.

The Illinois pattern token discovered by Arlie Slabaugh seems incredible; it has the obverse of a Chicago token and the reverse of a Fort Madison, Ia., token. As no other token has this reverse, we assume it was made exclusively for the Fort Madison firm; note it is identical to the horsecar token of Fort Madison except for the type of car. We believe the Ia 390 B was made after the Chicago Street Carette company went out of business (1897 or 1898)...so it seems apparent that someone took the old Fort Madison die and the old carette die and muled them together, maybe just to have some fun. The Chicago Street Carette was organized July 19, 1889, under the name of Russell Street Carette Co. The name was changed in 1894 to Chicago Street Carette Co., and by 1898 it had ceased to exist. The firm operated large omnibus-type vehicles, drawn by horses (but not on tracks), called "carettes," and this type of vehicle was in vogue for a few years, but apparently the advent of electric streetcars drove them out of business.

About 15 years ago we tried to list a token from Clinton, Ind., but it proved to be from Lexington, N.C. However, every once in a while we tried to check to see if this line had issued its own tokens. About five years ago the company changed its name from City Bus Line to the Antonini Transit Lines, and then on September 1, 1962, with the start of the school year they came out with a token for school children. The token does not mention school fare on it, but it was a school token. Our information is not certain about the rate at which the token. It was either 7½¢ or ten for $1. The company went out of business April 15, 1964, but we were fortunately able to obtain a supply of them for the New Issues Service. We were lucky that Marie Johnson happened to find one, so we could follow up on it before all the tokens had been disposed of.

Eastern Massachusetts Street Railway still is called "street railway" but it operates only buses, no streetcars anymore. About 3 months ago they raised their fare to 30¢ or 4/$1 and issued a new 16mm token identical to the former 23mm token. I had noted earlier that the firm had given its drivers a pay raise, so expected fares would be boosted to take care of it. Gilbert Vogel, who rides the bus, noticed the new small tokens, and wondered if we knew about them. So we put John Coffee on the trail of getting them for the New Issues Service, which he did. The company has already placed three different orders for the tokens, totalling 230,000 of them. The entire stock of 23mm tokens on hand at the company office was returned to the manufacturer as scrap.

The new "3" token from Alexandria probably was issued simply because their token supply ran low. Apparently every time the A.B. & W. has to order more tokens, they have a new number placed on them. We believe this one was issued about 3 months ago.

We know nothing about the new Wisconsin depotel, except that it has the same reverse die used for the Blue Rapids, Kans., token pictured in last month's issue, which indicates that the same outfit made both tokens.

We are listing a couple of wooden nickels this month. Lately there have been a number of these reported, but unless evidence comes forth that they were obtained

directly from the places where they were supposed to have been used, they will not be listed. Also, the legitimate ones will only be listed under "Miscellaneous" unless it can be shown that they were used to pay a full fare.

Thanks also to the collectors in the Philadelphia area who reported the change in fare in Philadelphia. Tokens were actually reduced, whereas the full fare went to 25¢ and the free transfer abolished. I am way behind in my mail, and may perhaps get some of it answered in the next couple of months.

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= *MARCH NEW ISSUES SERVICE REPORT* =

By John G. Nicolosi

Coming your way this month will be 3 new issues, as follows: Ind 160 C, a school token first put into use September 1, 1962, and discontinued April 15, 1964. These tokens have seen some wear, so don't expect uncirculated tokens.

Next you will receive Mass 135 D, our thanks to Mr. Coffee for obtaining a supply for us. And the third one will be Va 20 N; our thanks to Mr. Sherr for getting us a supply of these.

On the subject of wear, last month I sent to those who want Canadian tokens, BC 800 C, a plastic token. A few of you sent them back, and others complained that the tokens were scratched. As I have said before, I have no control over the condition of the tokens sent to me. I have to be content with what I get. And as to the scratches, they all had scratches on them, including the one in my collection. This was caused by the tokens going through the company's fare boxes. On this, see Freiberg's column last month. We don't always get brand new shiny tokens. Sometimes we get dirty ones, too, which I clean before sending out. But if they are scratched, I can't do much about it.

This month we welcome Dr. T.O. Young of Duluth to the New Issues Service.

This month you will also note the listing of another wooden nickel from Weldon Stables of Phoenix, Ariz 1000 G. I have about 15 of these that I can offer at $1.25 apiece postpaid (N.I.S. members only). Most of them are not the best; in fact 3 of them have small holes in them. They will be sent out first come first served. At this time these are all that are available of these tokens; don't know if any more will ever show up. Also I have available other Ariz tokens: 1000 A,B,C, 640 D E, 780 A.

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PRICES REALIZED AT HAROLD FORD'S JANUARY AUCTION

Missouri	165 W....$3.75	440 B....$7.00	520 A....$5.25	*Oregon*
350 D...$24.50	165 Z.... 5.25	440 C.... .51	520 B.... 5.25	20 B....$4.75
	165 AB... 1.30	440 D.... 7.00	520 C.... 5.25	20 C.... 4.75
Ohio	175 Y.... 6.05	440 E.... 3.15	520 D.... 2.75	130 A.... 2.55
165 U.... 9.00	175 Z.... 1.50	450 D.... 2.75	600 A.... 2.45	160 E.... .75
165 V.... 5.00	230 R.... .90			700 A.... 4.50

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= A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT =

I have received a number of communications from various members complaining about unpaid bills going back 2 or 3 years on sales of tokens to other members. I don't want the A.V.A. to become a collection agency, but please try to bring accounts up to date...and if you can't do it right away write and tell the person why, or when you will make payment. I'm sure this is all most collectors want. If you owe tokens or money to another member, the least you can do is write him and not remain silent.

- Daniel DiMichael, President.

= MARCH PARKING TOKEN SUPPLEMENT TO ATWOOD'S CATALOGUE =
By Duane H. Feisel

CALIFORNIA

Oakland 3575 (Reported by John G. Nicolosi)
GOOD ONLY IN FRUITVALE DISTRICT
A B 23 Sd Good Only In Parking Lot Meters $0.15

FLORIDA

Bal Harbour 3050 (Reported by Nicolosi & Pollack)
BAL HARBOUR PARKING LOT
E B 23 Sd 371 96th Street Bal Harbour Florida .50
(on obverse, "Florida" in straight line; on D "Florida" is curved)

Sarasota 3840 (Reported by Mrs. Edna Krumrei)
BROWN PARKING CO., INC.
C o B 23 Sd Sarasota, Florida .25

ILLINOIS

Chicago 3150 (Reported by Joseph Mark Kotler)
LEVINSON'S JEWELS (GATE)
AL Bz 25 Sd Parcoa Token (gate)(Rev. A) 1.00

East St. Louis 3250 (Reported by Backora, Mrs. Allen, Edkins, Nicolosi)
ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL E. ST. LOUIS, ILL.
D B 23 Sd Courtesy Parking Token .25
BIEDERMANS PARKING
E B 23 Sd Midwest Largest Home Furnishers .25
FIRST FEDERAL SAVINGS & LOAN ASSN.
F o B 23 Sd Free Parking .25
E-Z PARK
G o B 23 Sd Courtesy Token .25
COURTESY TOKEN E-Z PARK ("E-Z PARK" in 2 lines)
H o B 23 Sd (same as obverse) .25
I o B 23 Sd (like H but "E-Z PARK" in one line) .25

Joliet 3455 (Location reported by Charles Tauscher; ex-Unidentified #3003)
SAFE PARK INC.
A o WM 17 Bar (same as obverse) .50

NEW MEXICO

Albuquerque 3040 (Reported by W.A. Whitfield)
VISITOR PRESBYTERIAN HOSPITAL COURTESY PARKING TOKEN
A B 25 Sd Insert In Slot At Exit Gate Free Parking .25

PENNSYLVANIA

Philadelphia 3750 (Reported by Edward Dence)
FOOD FAIR BLDG. PARKING TOKEN P
F B 23 Sd (blank) .25

ADDITIONS & CORRECTIONS

Ohio 3165 B: Reverse should be (same as obverse)(Reported 9/64).
Pa 3723 A: Correct city code is Haverford 3450, not Oakmont 3723 (Oakmont is a section of Haverford)(Reported 11/64).

= PARKING TOKEN NOTES BY DUANE H. FEISEL =

I'm trying to get out this parking token report the evening before leaving for Dallas for a full week just one day after having spent a week in New York. Those of

you awaiting correspondence from me can appreciate any delays.

The token from Oakland is used not far from John Nicolosi's home. Use began in January, 1965, as the tokens are sold by the City Treasurer at 5¢ to merchants who give them free to customers. Evidently certain city-owned lots have meters equipped for token operation.

The token from Bal Harbour was reported to me some time back by Nicolosi, but I did not have the D token so that the difference was not evident to me. Pollack obtained a few tokens from the source enabling a direct comparison, and the description given.

My letters to Brown Parking have gone unanswered, but another collector writes that he was informed that tokens are no longer used. Perhaps some of the Florida collectors can turn up a supply of these for collectors.

Levinson's Jewels have a gate-controlled parking lot with free entrance and exit requiring a token or $1.00 in change. Tokens are given to patrons of the store. Judging from the reverse type, the tokens have been used for perhaps 7 to 12 years. Since the present token supply is low, no tokens are now available to collectors. However, a new batch of tokens has been ordered and the store manager has assured me that he will sell to me at a reasonable price enough tokens to be distributed to collectors. It is best, then, not to bother Levinson's with any token requests.

This is probably the place to mention that a comprehensive study has been made of the types of standard "PARCOA TOKEN (GATE)" reverses. The article was prepared for last month, but space limitations precluded its use then. This month, since it has been strongly suggested that I cut the stencil for the complicated and involved tabular listing of the Parcoa-type tokens with all known reverses, the article is not included because of my time limitations. Unless something unforeseen occurs, this article should appear in the April issue.

St. Mary's Hospital in E. St. Louis began using tokens in December 1963. The gate-controlled lot will operate with the parking card for employees, with tokens provided to guests, clergymen, and others to whom courtesy parking is extended, and by 25¢ for other parkers.

No information on the Biedermans token. The remaining four tokens for East St. Louis, plus A,B,C, previously reported (A,B,C, are obsolete), were used on a downtown parking lot operated by the M & S Rental Equipment Company. Tokens were sold in quantity at a reduced rate to merchants, and provided 25¢ worth of parking. The tokens were used from December 1960 to December 1964.

The location suggested originally by Charlie Tauscher for one of our oldest parking token mavericks, 3003, was not quite right, but was close enough to enable me to nail it down when I visited Chicago in February. The token was last used several years ago. First, usage was in Elmhurst, a suburb of Chicago, with subsequent use in Joliet, the home office of Safe Park Inc. I did obtain the remaining supply of these tokens, and they are for sale at 60¢ each to anyone who writes as long as the supply lasts. There are not enough to go around.

Visitors and patients at the Presbyterian Hospital obtain free parking by exchanging a paper ticket provided upon entrance to the parking lot for the token which opens the exit gate. Use of the tokens began September 17, 1964.

Near the Food Fair Building in Philadelphia is a large gate-controlled parking lot. Parking is available to the public at 75¢, but employees of Food Fair can buy tokens at 25¢ each which are good for parking <u>if</u> the car bears an employee sticker. When in Philadelphia recently I was able to obtain a supply of tokens for PTNIS, but the cost to me was 50¢ each ("to discourage their possible use"). The tokens reportedly have been used for about 2½ years.

This month I'll be sending to members of my PTNIS the following: Cal 3575 A (thanks to John Nicolosi); Ill 3250 F,H,I; NM 3040 A (if my order is filled as expected), and Pa 3750 F. Tokens available on request: Ill 3150 AF, 3250 A,B,C, 3455 A.

Please keep the reports of new finds coming in to me, and I shall see to it that they are listed between my trips around the country. Remember the address is:

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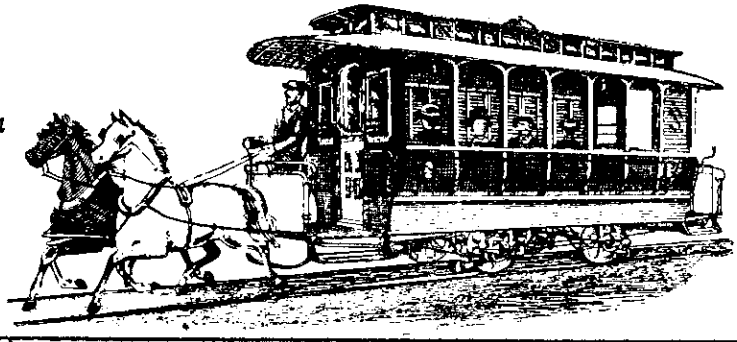

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The smell of spring comes belatedly to New England, and the balmy air makes us want to take to the open road in search of tokens. Don Mazeau, our Secretary, did just this a couple weeks ago. He went down to Tennessee, digging wide and deep for rare tokens all along the way, and he returned with two Bills Transfer tokens of Lewisburg, Tenn 490 A! Until Don hit Lewisburg, the token was unique. He promises us a story of his travels next month.

We also greet the spring by sending you the largest issue of THE FARE BOX in all history. We tried to clear the decks, but there's still a lot of publishable material around here. We are also mailing them flat this month for the first time, as an experiment. If no one complains that his copy was unduly roughed up or folded, we may use flat mailing from now on for larger issues. It saves the Editor a lot of work, and the envelopes are no more expensive than those elaborate printed white ones we have been using. First Class Postage for this issue is costing the A.V.A. something in the neighborhood of $100.00. Just thought I'd mention it.

This issue contains the 1965 membership roster, which should have been sent last month. This lists every A.V.A. member and his address and membership number. Our gratitude to Bob and Anna Butler for the huge amount of work involved not only in typing the copy but also in having the pages printed for us and then lugging the huge package first to the post office and then, when it turned out to be too large, to the Railway Express office.

Also enclosed, finally, is the index to articles in Volume 18 (1964) which lists the important articles that appeared last year by page number. This should be put with your December 1964 Fare Box.

With our large and rapidly increasing membership, the free ads are kind of getting out of hand. When the quantity begins to exceed 3 pages, we shall have to put some kind of limitation on ads which list non-transportation token items. We have, with this issue, upped the minimum priced tokens allowable in auctions from 20¢ to 25¢. Please note this well. Please use discretion in submitting ads...but keep on sending them in. The ads are fascinating and they bring each issue to life.

If some of you requested application blanks and didn't get them, this was because the supply had been exhausted. We've just printed up another batch, and they are free for the asking, postage paid by the A.V.A. Drop us a card if you need any.

= APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP =

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= NOMINATIONS FOR A.V.A. OFFICERS =

With only two more days until nominations close (on April 30) the following nominations for officers of the Association had been made:

PRESIDENT: Daniel DiMichael (accepted)
Robert M. Ritterband (declined)

VICE-PRESIDENT: Clarence E. Heppner (accepted)
Neil Shafer (open)

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Robert M. Ritterband (accepted)

SECRETARY: Donald N. Mazeau (accepted)

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A final report will appear next month, and ballots will be mailed with the June issue.

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536	BYRNE	Ray	701 North Negley Ave.	Pittsburgh	Pa.	15206
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452	CAPERTON	Fred B.	Box 475	Concord	Calif.	94522
642	CARLISLE	Robert W.	Box 1663	San Diego	Calif.	92112
296	CARLSON	Arthur E.	335 Wyandotte Street	Bethlehem	Pa.	18015
460	CARMAN	Jack E.	R. R. #3 Box 250	Edwardsburg	Michigan	49112
42	CARMICHAEL	Melvin O.	4041 Delaware Avenue	Klamath Falls	Oregon	97601

380	CARNEGIE Museum of Coins		4400 Forbes Avenue	Pittsburgh	Pa.	15213
128	CARPENTER	Roy H.	4599 Student Lane	San Jose	Calif.	95130
114	CARR	William L.	2648 Pelton Avenue	Akron	Ohio	44314
L240	CASE	Dorothea	Box 43	Brokaw	Wisconsin	54417
L251	CASSIDY	J. A. W.	740 43rd Avenue	Lachine, Quebec, Canada		
615	CARTER	Charles K.	704 Concord Avenue	Boulder	Colorado	80302
461	CARTER	R. B.	2232 North Kays Avenue	So.San Gabriel	Calif.	91777
105	CHESNEY	Harold T.	3841 Inglewood Avenue	Minneapolis	Minn.	55416
233	CHING	Samuel D. Y.	1267 Kanewai Street	Honolulu	Hawaii	96816
411	CIECKA	John J. Jr.	3456 Primrose Road	Philadelphia	Pa.	19114
661	CLARK	Douglas M.	204 Turner Avenue	Syracuse	New York	13219
627	CLARK	Leonard A.	1718 Herbert Avenue	Salt Lake City	Utah	84108
324	CLARK	Mrs. Miriam	1000 High Street	Worthington	Ohio	43085
59	CLINE	Ivan B.	1118 W. Illinois Str.	Evansville	Indiana	47710
281	CLYMER	John C.	2914 Nicholson Drive	Dallas	Texas	75224
L 14	COFFEE	John M. Jr.	Box 1204	Boston	Mass.	02104
603	COOLEY	L. Paul	202 North James Str.	Ludington	Michigan	49431
481	COYE	Robert H.	Box 3326	San Diego	Calif.	92103
629	CRAIB	Albert E.	50 Billings Street	West Roxbury	Mass.	
L323J	CROCKETT	Moton H.III	705 Sparks Avenue	Austin	Texas	78705
599	CROOM	R. S.	867 West 42nd Street	Norfolk	Virginia	23508
L215	CUTLER	Edward M.	11603 Ruthelen Avenue	Los Angeles	Calif.	90047
647	DANIELEWICZ	Joseph A.Jr.	1857 Sixth Street	Sarasota	Florida	33577
498	DAVIS	Lester G.	1500 Riviera Avenue	New Orleans	La.	70122
672	DAVIS	Maurice C.	4250 No.Marine Dr. Apt. 414	Chicago	Illinois	60613
L 95	DAWSON	Morton H.	182 Whiting Lane	West Hartford	Conn.	06119
671	DE ALVAREZ	George G.	Box 446	Capitola	Calif.	95010
384	DELK	Charles W.Sr.	1329 22nd Street	Des Moines	Iowa	50311
412	DENCE	Edward L.	8627 Crispin Drive	Philadelphia	Pa.	19136
282	DE VOS	Prosper	Box 454	Carnegie	Pa.	15106
570	DEWEY	Robert A.	1544 Montgomery Ave.	Muskegon	Michigan	49441
327	DIEHL	George W.		Fort Loudon	Pa.	17224
L 50	DI MICHAEL	Daniel	Box 485	Coatesville	Pa.	19320
141	DOCHKUS	Charles J.	3522 E. Thompson St.	Philadelphia	Pa.	19134
657	DUNLAP	James R.,Jr.	235 No. Clark	Orange,	Calif.	
666	DWORNIK	Frank C.	15934 Dobson Avenue	South Holland	Illinois	60473
205	EASTERLY	Philip	4138 Woodbridge Ave.	Cleveland	Ohio	44109
554J	EDELL	Larry	104-27 117 Street	Richmond Hill	New York	11419
526	EDKINS	Donald O.	120 Stanley Drive	Williamsburg	Virginia	23185
532	EGERTON	Benjamin G.	407 Gittings Ave.	Baltimore	Maryland	21212
385	EGGERS	George R.	51-40 30th Ave.	Woodside	New York	11377
660	EICKER	John R.	322 East 25th Street	Baltimore	Maryland	21218
111	EISENBERG	William E.	3728 Mayfair Street	Pittsburgh	Pa.	15204
69	EMRICK	Dr. M. W.	1426 Market Street	Harrisburg	Pa.	17163
443	ERICKSON	Alexander H.	3125 N. 49th Street	Milwaukee	Wisconsin	53216
342	FAIRFIELD	Walter D.	9302 Avenue K	Houston	Texas	77012
496	FALLER	Andrew T.	33-28 Halsey Road	Fair Lawn	New Jersey	07410
208	FAUBERT	Alexander	3431 Webber Street	Saginaw	Michigan	48601
L305	FEISEL	Duane H.	Box 215	Medfield	Mass.	02052
350	FELDPAUSCH	Melburn J.	21 Lakeview Drive	Belleville	Illinois	62223
L100	FERGUSON	J. Douglas	Spencer Supports Ltd.	Rock Island, Quebec, Canada		
517	FESSENDEN	George J.	2687 Poplar Street	Denver	Colorado	80207
L129	FIELD	Albert	2025 29th Street	Astoria	New York	11105
540	FISH	Fredric N.	4636 13th Ave. So.	St. Petersburg	Florida	33711
L124	FORD	Harold, Jr.	1999 Gaspar Drive	Oakland	California	94611
L308	FORD	John J., Jr.	176 Hendrickson Ave.	Rockville Centre	N. Y.	11570
192	FORINGER	Olney L.	2813 Tennessee Ave.	Baltimore	Maryland	21227

29	FOUTS	Paul	725 Joshua Green Bldg.	Seattle	Wash.	98101
633	FRANS	P. H.	Box 909	Holland	Michigan	49423
L340	FREEMAN	Larry G.	2427 Torrington Ave.	Parma	Ohio	44134
L 62	FREIBERG	Ralph	632 Ashbury Street	San Francisco	Calif.	94117
20	FRISBEE	R. K.	211 King St.	Denver	Colorado	80219
L379	FRITZSCHE	Walter C.	Box 614	Tujunga	Calif.	91042
519	FROST	Harold	102 Rule Bldg.	Wichita	Kansas	67202
242	FULD	Dr. George	469 Sandhurst Road	Akron	Ohio	44313
171	FULD	Melvin	6701 Park Heights Cur.	Baltimore	Maryland	21215
447	FULLUM	James A.	16 Gibbon Ave.	Milford	Mass.	01757
L 80	FYLER	Wadsworth G.	Lake Ave.P.O.Drawer #7	Babson Park	Florida	33827
497	GAARDER	Robert H.	1041 Alexander Circle	Pueblo	Colorado	81001
568	GALLAGHER	Granville W.Jr.	568 Pine Tree Road	Jenkintown	Pa.	19046
L 24	GALLAGHER	William C.	4125 Madrona Road	Riverside	Calif.	92504
408	GARAY	Charles J.Jr.	4924 W. 29th St.	Cicero	Illinois	60650
503	GASQUE	John M.	2225 Blossom St.	Columbia	S. Car.	29205
530	GAUMOND	Lionel	6969 Sagard St.	Montreal 35, Quebec, Canada		
572	GENTZLER	Doris	119 Pine St.	Harrisburg	Pa.	17101
181	GIBBONS	Anthony A.	1121 Mulberry St.	Scranton	Pa.	18510
641J	GINSBURG	David	45 Brighton 10 Court	Brooklyn	New York	11235
L 53	GINTHER	Paul H.		New Holland	Illinois	62671
359	GITTIS	Samuel	902 Arch St.	Philadelphia	Pa.	19107
478	GOLDSTONE	Ralph	374 Chestnut Hill Ave.	Brookline	Mass.	02146
222	GOULD	George F.	Box 1208	Hollywood	Calif.	90028
250	GOULD	Irving H.	Box 7941	Chicago	Illinois	60680
335	GOULD	Maurice M.	581 Boylston Street	Boston	Mass.	02116
435	GOYETTE	Raymond A.	8 Barry Drive	West Orange	New Jersey	07052
567	GRACZYK	Henry E.	101 Gittere St.	Buffalo	New York	14211
643	GRADY	Joseph W.	570 82nd Street	Brooklyn	New York	11209
204	GRADY	Lester D.	Residence Park	Palmerton	Pa.	18071
531	GRAY	Ruth	Box 325	Miami	Florida	33147
35	GREENE	Frank C.	2838 Forest Ave.	Kansas City	Missouri	64109
246	GRIMALA	Walter J.	28 Richmond Ave.	Worcester	Mass.	01602
102	GUERNSEY	Frank W.	3725 N. E. 17th Ave.	Portland	Oregon	97212
649	HALL	Kenneth T.	130 Stanley Drive	Williamsburg	Virginia	23185
486	HANEY	Jack C.	623 Vine Street	Ironton	Ohio	45638
424	HANOUSEK	William	2542 42nd St.	Astoria, L.I.	New York	11103
352	HARRISON	Robert	Box 892	Atlantic City	New Jersey	08404
466	HARROD	Maynard	433 South Lincoln St.	Enid	Oklahoma	73701
550	HARVEY	Harold K.	Box 1659	Chibougamau, Quebec, Canada		
416	HAYES	Francis J.	813 Pennsylvania Ave.N.W.	Washington,	D. C.	20004
593	HAYES	Kenneth V.Jr.	5 Arbor Way	LaFayette	California	94549
326	HAZEVOET	A. C.	Chas.Leickerstraat 15/111	Amsterdam West	Holland	
170	HEATON	Charles T.	135 Kensington Place	Syracuse	New York	13210
653	HEDDEN	Jack H.	2744 B Orchard Place	South Gate	Calif.	90280
664	HEGLER	James Lee	511 Irene Street	Thomasville	N. Car.	
560	HEIN	Robert E.	737 Stevens St. Apt. 204	Medford	Oregon	97501
545	HEISE	Warren L.	U.S.S.Duxbury Bay (AVP 38)	FPO New York	New York	09501
433	HENNICK	Louis C.	2124 Fairfield Ave.	Shreveport	La.	71104
L159	HENSLEY	L. A.	Box 138	Montrose	Colorado	81401
L314	HEPPNER	Clarence	1331 3rd Avenue	Seattle	Wash.	98101
470	HIBARGER	Edwin G.	3462 Whitfield Ave.	Cincinnati	Ohio	45220
489	HICKS	Frank E.,Jr.	Box 58	Weaverville	Calif.	96093
528	HILBUSH	William E.	Box 9574	Richmond	Virginia	23228
L287	HINDE	Ralph A.	225-30 106th Ave.	Jamaica	New York	11429
376	HINKLE	Walter, Jr.	511 North 34th	Fort Smith	Arkansas	72901
299	HIORTH	Clarence C.	308 E. Hinckley Ave.Apt.3C	Ridley Pk.	Pa.	19078
392	HOCH	Alfred D.	48 Eddie Avenue	North Babylon	New York	11703

182	HOFMANN	Wm. C. L.	1684 Dixwell Avenue	Hamden	Conn.	06514
147	HOLCOMBE	C. B.	49 Clarke Street	Burlington	Vermont	05401
522	HOPE	Lee	300 So. Parker Drive	Evansville	Indiana	47714
628	HORWITZ	Nathan S.	Box 375	Utica	New York	13503
421	HOUSE	Amos F.	Box 202	LaVerne	Calif.	91750
26	HOUSER	Chas. W.Sr.	734 St. John Street	Allentown	Pa.	18103
174	IRWIN	Roy L.	430 Steves Avenue	San Antonio	Texas	78210
578	JAMES	Samuel L.Jr.	914 South Ave. Apt.F4	Secane	Pa.	19019
651	JANKOVICH	T. W.	Box 1085	Chibougamau	Quebec	Canada
378	JARVIS	Maj.Cale B.	21 Maynard Apt. 1208	Toronto 3	Ontario	Canada
L 52	JEFFERSON	C. G.	8845 Wallingford Ave.	Seattle	Wash.	98103
534	JENCIUS	Edward A.	8011 Third Avenue	Brooklyn	New York	11209
464	JOHNSON	Byron	606 N. W. 80th	Seattle	Wash.	98107
231	JOHNSON	D. Wayne	1525 Nantucket	Houston	Texas	77027
L 77	JOHNSON	Floyd L.	183 West Gibson Str.	Canandaigua	New York	14424
L275	JOHNSON	Gerald E.	1921 Chase Street	Wisconsin Rapids	Wis.	54494
295	JOHNSON	Irwin V.	Winchester Road	Winsted	Conn.	06098
341	JOHNSON	Marie A.	Box 355 Route 2	Tecumseh	Michigan	49286
406	JOHNSON	Warren L.	6 Blackwell Place	Newport	Rhode Island	
420	JONES	Bill	512 Commercial	Oswego	Kansas	67356
353	JONES	C.Howard	3645 Sardis Road	Murrysville	Pa.	15668
294	JONES	Orisan G.	457 East Elm Avenue	Woodbury	N.Jersey	08096
78	JORDAN	Arthur D.	Box 92	Flourtown	Pa.	19031
614	JOSEPH	Syd	870 South Hudson Str.	Denver	Colorado	80222
582	KAUTZ	James L.	7576 46th Ave. S.W.	Seattle	Wash.	98116
485	KEITH	Bernard	18440 Fielding Ave.	Detroit	Mich.	48219
658	KELLEY	Frank J.	Box 24	Harbor	Oregon	97415
L291	KELLEY	Robert R.	6315 Parkview Circle	Mason	Ohio	45040
L298	KELLY	Doris B.	5014 N. E. 25th Ave.	Portland	Oregon	97211
630	KELT	Benadean	4134 Martinshire Drive	Houston	Texas	77025
9	KIBBE	Ione	529 Driftwood Road	No. Palm Beach	Florida	33403
640	KIMBALL	Roger G.	Box 42	So.Ashburnham	Mass.	01466
395	KISTLER	Clarence M.	8144 31st Ave. S.W.	Seattle	Wash.	98126
237	KITCH	John H.	258 Seneca Street	Harrisburg	Pa.	17110
318	KNOBLOCH	Robert S.	234 Bates Avenue	St. Paul	Minnesota	55106
575	KNOTH	Charles P.	115-120 226th Street	Cambria Hghts.	New York	11411
187	KOENIG	Charles W.	1910 George Street	Chicago	Illinois	60657
22	KOLLER	Ralph T.	1135 Bedford Ave. S.W.	Canton	Ohio	44710
345	KONTNICK	John S.	68 Christian Street	Wallingford	Conn.	06492
587J	KOSKIE	Albert T.Jr.	9256 25th Ave. N.W.	Seattle	Wash.	98107
399	KOTLER	Joseph M.	Box 248	Glencoe	Illinois	60022
595	KRAMER	Clarence C.	R D #1	Drums	Pa.	18222
432	KRASNOV	Nathan L.	14 Harding Court	Southbridge	Mass.	01550
334	KRAUSE	Chester L.	Krause Publications Inc.	Iola	Wisconsin	54945
277	KRAUSE	Henry H.	200-1060 Bishop Street	Honolulu	Hawaii	96813
564	KREINKAMP	Norman C.	6914 Velma Avenue	Parma	Ohio	44129
646	KREMER	Albert E.	2601 Simpson Street	Evanston	Illinois	60201
597	KRONMILLER	Lowell	1041 Parkview Road	Galesburg	Illinois	61401
418	KRUMREI	Mrs. Edna	4809 N. Fairfield Ave.	Chicago	Illinois	60625
571	KUBACH	Robert	5080 Highland View Ave. Apt.5	Los Angeles	Calif.	90041
48	KURTZ	Julius A.	928 13th Avenue So.	Minneapolis	Minnesota	55404
49	LAFLIN	Quincy A.	1476 Iglehart Avenue	St. Paul	Minnesota	55104
203	LAKE	Mary	1509 1st Avenue No.	Seattle	Wash.	98109
450	LANDAU	Gerald H.	646 Argyle Road	Brooklyn	New York	11226
429	LANE	Mrs. Marian	501 S. Main Street	Fuguay-Varina	No. Car.	27526
586	LANHAM	Edwin C.	6116 N Street S. E.	Washington	D. C.	20027

650	LAVIGNE	William I.	13 Hillside Place	Ilion	New York	13357
469	LAW	Dr. Howard	12021 Edgewater Drive	Cleveland	Ohio	44107
88	LEJEUNE	Samuel	748 Majorca Avenue	Coral Gables	Florida	33134
502J	LE LEIKO	Neal	1212 Ocean Avenue	Brooklyn	New York	11230
245	LESSIN	Harry M.	Allen Road	Norwalk	Conn.	06850
606	LESSNER	Joseph F.	2144 W. Berteau Ave.	Chicago	Illinois	60618
622	LEWIS	Jack E.	7607 Azalea Lane	Dallas	Texas	75230
669	LILLIE	Jack	1894 Magnolia Avenue	Carlsbad	Calif.	92008
366	LINDGREN	Leonard R.	3 Crescent Court	New Cumberland	Pa.	17070
569	LINK	Mrs.Irene E.	Box 265	Maxwell	Calif.	
444	LINKE	Lawrence J.	812 Pedersen Street	St. Paul	Minn.	55119
L539	LITTLEJOHN	B. Richard	Box 196	Spartanburg	So. Car.	29301
455	LLOYD	Thom Jr.	611½ Sherman Street	Johnstown	Pa.	15905
619	LOMBARDO	Orazio	Box 203	Sherbrooke, Quebec, Canada		
457	MACDONALD	A.Mitchell	2 St.Margarets Bay Rd.	Armdale, Halifax, N.S., Canada		
L 65	MACKIE	John M. Jr.	1414 Porterfield Str.	Pittsburgh	Pa.	15212
104	MAFFEO	Pasquale H.	145 Kimberly Avenue	New Haven	Conn.	06519
372	MAGEE	William	1320 Pandora Avenue	Victoria, Br. Col., Canada		
624	MAGOUIRK	D. P.	3214 Greenwood Road	Shreveport	La.	71109
175	MAHAN	Sherman A.	210 South 6th Street	Yakima	Wash.	98901
484	MARVIN	Robert W. Jr.	923 West Broadway	Anaheim	Calif.	92805
590	MASON	Walter L.Jr.	12120 Dalewood Drive	Silver Springs	Maryland	
516	MATUSOFF	Leon	17 Third Street Arcade	Dayton	Ohio	45402
366	MAX	Charles	13288 W.Exposition Dr.	Denver	Colorado	80228
648	MAXWELL	Mrs.Gladys H.	1926 Shardell	St. Louis	Missouri	63138
L312	MAZEAU	Donald N.	Box 31	Clinton	Conn.	06413
588	MAZZA	Joseph A.	2376 Maple Avenue	Seaford	New York	11783
263	MC DANIEL	Thomas	5255 Guessman Ave.	La Mesa	Calif.	92041
555	MCKAY-CLEMENTS	John L.	610 Lake Shore Road	Haileybury, Ontario, Canada		
5	MC KEE	Robert B.	255 Edgewood Avenue	Kenmore	New York	14223
592	MCKELVEY	Donald R.	2822 19th Avenue	Port Huron	Michigan	48060
663	MCMULLAN	Dave	8108 Leonard Street	Philadelphia	Pa.	19152
488	MC PHERSON	Paul Q.	605 West 5th Street	Pittsburg	Kansas	66762
596	MEDLEY	R. Lee	1806 Layton Avenue	Ft. Worth	Texas	76117
201	MERRIFIELD	Wilton	1411 English Avenue	Indianapolis	Indiana	46201
209	MILLER	Edrick J.	3257 Idaho Lane	Costa Mesa	Calif.	92626
617	MINER	John W. H.	Box 279	Granby Quebec Canada		
L236	MISHLER	Clifford	Box 187	Vandalia	Michigan	49095
654	MOONEY	Glenn A.	521 Penn Vista Drive	Pittsburgh	Pa.	15235
480	MORGAN	Alfred Odell	Route 1	Midland	No. Car.	28107
652	MORGAN	Andrew	Box 2448	Wichita Falls	Texas	76301
436	MORITZ	Morris	466 East 187th Street	Bronx	New York	10458
155	MULLIN	Charles R.	111 Alter Avenue	Staten Island	New York	10304
577	MURDOCK	T. M.	Box 411	Mesquite	Texas	75149
373J	MUSSER	Richard	311 Clover Avenue	Lancaster	Pa.	17602
537	MYER	Kenneth M.	4959 North High Street	Columbus	Ohio	43214
662	NAMETH	Andy		Keremeos Br. Col. Canada		
635	NELSON	Robert A.	2554 Quinto Drive	Dallas	Texas	75227
L116	NICOLOSI	John G.	3002 Galindo Street	Oakland	Calif.	94601
L 30	NILSON	August J.	326 N.W. 78th Street	Seattle	Wash.	98107
625	NORDHOF	Harriet J.	300 West 27th Street	Holland	Michigan	49423
449	NORTHEASTERN Vecturist Ass'n.					
	Paul Targonsky, Sec.		46 Norwood Street	Meriden	Conn.	06451
393	ODA	Joseph	1501 Oili Loop	Honolulu	Hawaii	96816
634	OLIPHANT	Cpl. Robt.I.	Tng. Co.C-1st Bn. USASESCS	Ft. Gordon	Georgia	30905
581	OLSEN	Lt. Gary K.	116 East Spruce Str.	Titusville	Pa.	16354
313	OSCHMAN	Edward L.	135 Longvue Drive	Pittsburgh	Pa.	15237

610	PADDOCK	Stuart R.	956 Noe Street	San Francisco	Calif.	94114
638	PAIGE	Robert E.	225 Lincoln Avenue	Collingdale	Pa.	19024
591	PALMER	Charles H.	26 Hammer Street	East Hartford	Conn.	06108
243	PALMER	Foster M.	104 Mt. Auburn Street	Watertown	Mass.	02172
618	PALMER	Kenneth A.	#10 Wesanford Place	Hamilton	Ontario	Canada
626	PATRICK	Robert D.	257 South Eliot	Denver	Colorado	80219
576	PATTERSON	Carl R.	1214 Northwestern Dr.	Pitcairn	Pa.	15140
483	PATTERSON	Frederic L.	3323 East Oregon Ave.	Phoenix	Arizona	85018
284	PAUL	Leonard H.	311 Parsons Avenue	Bala-Cynwyd	Pa.	19004
510	PERKINS	Gerald B.Jr.	RA55-367-112 32nd Brigade ADTOS Box 231		APO N. Y.	09191
655J	PERKINS	Terry James	Box 464 Station A.C.C.	Abilene	Texas	79601
451	PICTON	George R.	183 Hanover Street	Wilkes-Barre	Pa.	18702
338	PINKUS	Max	34 Nassau Street	Toronto 2B	Ontario	Canada
563	PLACHNO	Larry	5041 Northwest Highway	Chicago	Illinois	60630
L211	POLLACK	Foster B.	1841 Broadway Rm. 808	New York	New York	10023
656	POSEY	Mrs. Cora D.	1308 17th Street	Port Huron	Michigan	
637	PRICE	Willard J.	3827 Marcil Avenue	Montreal 28	Quebec	Canada
L440	PUNSHON	Donald G.	3360 N. Neenah Ave.	Chicago	Illinois	60634
430	RABINOWITZ	Samuel	170-06 88th Avenue	Jamaica	New York	11432
621	RABURN	Hubert L.Jr.	229 West Apsley Str. Apt.3	Philadelphia	Pa.	19144
645	REED	Mrs.Milan S.	932 East Ludington Ave.	Ludington	Michigan	49431
520	RENO	Glen H.	4508 Stanley Street	Downers Grove	Illinois	60515
490	RICHARDSON	Elliot		Urbanna	Virginia	23175
425	RIDER	Roice V.	Route #1	Woodland	Michigan	48897
184	RIEDER	Robert A.	4925 Prince Georges Ave.	Beltsville	Maryland	20705
L118	RITTERBAND	Robert M.	6576 Colgate Avenue	Los Angeles	Calif.	90048
271	ROBBINS	Theo. W.	7 Thomas Street	Thompsonville	Conn.	06082
639	ROBERTS	Raymond C.	3420 Bevis Street	San Diego	Calif.	92111
74	ROBERTSON	W. Gordon	3502 Sussex Road	Baltimore	Maryland	21207
632	ROGERS	B. R.	3651 Sewells Point Rd.	Norfolk	Virginia	23513
252	ROHRER	Bernard J.	68 West 51st Street	Long Beach	Calif.	90805
143	ROSELINSKY	Frank	1971 Fulton Avenue	Monterey Park	Calif.	91754
L259	ROSENBLUM	Leon S.	36-24 Ferry Heights	Fair Lawn	New Jersey	07410
419	ROSS	C. R.	1334 East 8th Street	Okmulgee	Oklahoma	74447
644	ROTH	Irving M.	89 Whittlesey Avenue	Norwalk	Ohio	44857
407	ROY	John Henry	10201 Christophe Colomb	Montreal 12	Quebec	Canada
535J	RUBIN	Martin	1519 52nd Street	Brooklyn	New York	11219
612	RUGGLES	Lee E.	115 E.Gambier Apt. A	Mt. Vernon	Ohio	43050
437	RULAU	Russell	c/o Coin World Box 150	Sidney	Ohio	45365
225	RUNYON	Charles H.	540 Gladstone Avenue	Aurora	Illinois	60506
607	SABEL	Mrs. Judy	6026-B No.Winchester	Chicago	Illinois	60626
355	SAFFORD	Dwight A.	4043 42nd Street	San Diego	Calif.	92105
L375	SAILOR	Harry		Warren	Minnesota	56762
504J	SANDERS	Charles Jr.	Box 186	La Junta	Colorado	81050
357	SANDERS	George H.	1570 South Quieto Ct.	Denver	Colorado	80223
297	SANDERS	Lee R.	854 Kennedy Drive	Kankakee	Illinois	60901
598	SCHEEF	Mrs. Margaret	2716 No. 102nd Ave.	Omaha	Nebraska	68134
402	SCHMAL	Harold C.	Box 5238	Phoenix	Arizona	85010
L462	SCHMALGEMEIER	Grant B. Jr.	1317 W. Eddy Str.	Chicago	Illinois	60657
L185	SCHRODER	George W.	78-14 160th Street	Flushing	New York	10066
514	SCHWAB	Carl O.	630 So. 4th Street	Hamilton	Ohio	45011
L 3	SCHWARTZ	Max M.	28 West 44th Street	New York	New York	10036
L230	SCOTT	Melvyn A.	1024 Knott Building	Dayton	Ohio	45400
417	SCOTT	Roy I. Jr.	Route #2	Crestline	Ohio	44827
362	SCROGGINS	Irwin C.	4160 No. 36th Street	Milwaukee	Wisconsin	53216
176	SELLENTINE	Mrs. Lola	5725 41st Avenue So.	Minneapolis	Minnesota	55417
631	SHAETZEL	Eugene	6993818 FN USS Hoel DDG (13) FPO San Francisco, Calif.			
361	SHAFER	Neil (Whitman Pub.Co.)	1220 Mound Ave.	Racine	Wisconsin	53404

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Have received the following for my auctions: trade tokens; Hickey Bros., Gary, Ind. all denominations. Nevada & Idaho state prison complete sets. Also more tax tokens
R.V. Brandenburg - P.O. Box 3132 - Pueblo, Colo.

AUCTION: Pa 15 E; Kans 820 F H; Okla 590 D; BC 450 A D, 650 A; Ont 675 F G H, 900 C; Que 200 Aa, 360 B E F, 620 T X; have some old buttons picturing trains & buttons, will trade for Michigan TT's & PT's. Send list of trade items.
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TRADE - Mo 370 C Da Db E F G H I J K; Minn 50 L Ma Mb Na Nb Oa Ob P Q; 730 F G H I. See Catalog on Mo 370 tokens; this is the Tom Sawyer & Huckleberry Finn token, and Mark Twain. These are very nice tokens with pictures. Also I have 5 new Minn. parking tokens, not yet listed, and can get only one at a time. My list for yours.
Gordon Wold Princeton, Minn. 55371

Only 30 copies left of the Supplement to Atwood's Catalogue. The supplement is in itself a collector's item, as only 154 were printed. It includes all issues reported in The Fare Box from where the 1963 Catalogue left off, thru December 1964 Fare Box including a complete new index of all parking tokens. Only $1.50 a copy postpaid. Without this list your catalogue is a year out of date already.
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AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER: (all Michigan) 65 C, 75 B I, 80 A, 225 D E, 360 A, 375 A, 495 A, 530 I J, 775 B, 885 A B, 845 J K H, 935 A A-1 A-2 A-3 A-4 A-5 B-1 B-2 B-3 B-4 B-5 C-2 C-4 C-5 E E-1 E-3. One lot, 100 diff. Calif. tokens, my choice, at $14 postpaid. One lot 100 diff. Ohio tokens, my choice, at $14 postpaid.
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John G. Nicolosi - 3002 Galindo Street - Oakland, Calif. 94601

Breaking up a large collection of merchant trade tokens. Will trade for TT's I need with minimum cat. value of 25¢. Send list of your dupes and specify your main interests in the trade pieces.
Don Edkins - 120 Stanley Drive - Williamsburg, Va. 23185

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= NEW FINDS =

There is not so much to report this month in the way of new finds, although we have received word via the grapevine that some very rare tokens have been picked up, and we hope to have reports about them next month.

Frank Smolen of Painesville, Ohio, leads off the list with Ohio 995 A, the extremely rare pink celluloid from Zanesville. I believe there are only two others known in collectors' hands.

Jack Carman reports that, among other tokens, he recently acquired the green celluloid token from Muskegon, Mich 680 D. This token, I recall, was discovered several years ago by John Nicolosi, who found four of them in one batch. This makes the fifth known.

Jim Zervas writes a few lines about how he found the ancient Lincoln, Nebr., token that is reported in this month's catalogue supplement. "There was nothing unusual about my obtaining the token," he says. "An old time coin dealer who had been out of the business for about 10 years recently retired from a government job, and reopened his coin & repair shop in Denver again. And as I check all new shops and any business that might have tokens, such as junk shops, salvage yards, antique stores and the like, I stopped to see him before he had opened for business yet, and asked about transit tokens. He pulled this one out of his safe and showed it to me. He said he had some other tokens but couldn't find them and wouldn't sell it to me for three weeks until he finally let me have it for $5.00. He still hasn't found those other tokens but says he will call me when he does. Who knows, maybe another unlisted or rare token hidden away, so I pester him a little more. He had no information as to where he got the token. He said he had it for years and somebody offered him $5.00 for it previously."

If you have acquired a rare token recently, write the Editor and tell us about it. Many readers have commented that the New Finds department is the most interesting part of The Fare Box. So help us to keep it interesting.

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= LARRY FREEMAN FINDS HUGE CASTING OF CLEVELAND STREETCAR TOKEN =

Collectors intrigued by the big aluminum token listed as Ohio 1000 B in our Catalogue will be interested to know that Larry Freeman now has a similar item, which is 3 feet in diameter, solid aluminum, weighing 28 pounds! It seems that in 1906 when Tom Johnson was running for Mayor of Cleveland, promising a 3¢ streetcar if elected, the 3¢ token was a kind of campaign item. When elected, he put the 3¢ fare into effect and issued Ohio 175 V. Shortly thereafter, to commemorate the great event, a political partner of his named Peter Witt presented the new Mayor with a huge 28-lb. aluminum replica of the little 3¢ token, with Johnson's picture in the place of the center hole. At the Cleveland ANA convention, a Mr. Harley Freeman (no relation) presented Larry with a photograph of this huge aluminum replica. But no one knew what had become of the original. However, Larry got some newspaper publicity, and a man whose father had been Mayor Johnson's personal secretary called him, invited him to his home, and presented Larry with the original 28-pound token! Certainly one of the most interesting vecturist items imaginable, and a valuable political item as well! Larry, by the way, is now President of the Western Reserve Numismatic Club, and he has agreed to serve as floor auctioneer at the coming New York A.V.A. convention.

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Troy Fifth Avenue Bus Co. has upped fares from 15¢ to 20¢ and school tokens from 10 for 75¢ to 10/$1....El Paso (Texas) City Council has granted a franchise for the construction of a monorail system to connect El Paso and Juarez, Mexico; it will replace the present streetcar line between the two cities.

= THE BORDER CITIES AUTO STAGE LINE TOKENS =

By J.M. Coffee

A set of rare tokens which have always intrigued us are the brass Border Cities Auto Stage Line tokens, listed in the 1963 Atwood Catalogue as Texas 530 B and C. Originally these tokens were listed as Unidentified, and the only known specimens were in Roland Atwood's collection. Then Mr. Atwood obtained some information that indicated they were from Eagle Pass, Texas, and so they were listed in the 1958 Catalogue from there, as Tex 290 A and B. I wrote to Eagle Pass after the catalogue was published, in search of information about the tokens--and also in the hope of turning up some of the tokens themselves. Excellent newspaper coverage was obtained, but not a word about the line.

Then Mr. Atwood obtained more information, which indicated that the tokens were really from Laredo, Texas. They were duly relisted in the 1963 Catalogue from Laredo, as Tex 530 B and C (an ancient ferry token having been discovered from Laredo in the meantime, to merit the "A" listing). And so it stood until a few months ago.

Then in May, 1964, Jack Carman discovered an unlisted 15¢ Border Cities token, and it was duly listed in that month's Fare Box as Tex 530 D. It did seem strange that the token would turn up in Michigan, so far from the presumptive "home" of these tokens. They remained extremely rare, only one of each being known. (The former Atwood specimens of 530 B and C having moved into Harold Ford's collection.)

Then a few weeks ago I received an amazing letter from A.V.A. member Ken Palmer, of Hamilton, Ontario, along with rubbings of the 25¢ and 35¢ Border Cities tokens. Needless to say my eyes popped to see rubbings of these two tokens, as until that moment the only known 25¢ and 35¢ tokens were in Ford's collection. Mr. Palmer's letter was interesting, and germane portions of it follow:

"A non-collector friend of mine recently told me about an incident which occurred in 1940 when he was living in Windsor, Ont. He noticed that his two children and some other children were using as play money some bright, shiny, new-looking brass 'coins.' On closer observation he noted that they were stage line tokens of 25¢ and 35¢ denominations. He estimated there would be at least 50 of these pieces. He promised to look for any that might still be around, and in a few days presented me with four of them: two of the 25¢ size and two of the 35¢ size. They had, of course, lost their new brilliance, but otherwise show no signs of wear."

I shot back a letter expressing my congratulations and amazement at his fortunate find, and asked him to get more of the story about how the tokens were found, and also to find out if his friend had any more of the original fifty. A few days later, Mr. Palmer wrote me again, as follows:

"I held off writing until today because I knew my friend Harold's son was coming home for the weekend and thought he might have some more information regarding the tokens. But no luck; he could recall only the fact that they were shiny like new. The boys were only about 6 and 7 at the time. Harold lived on Victoria Ave. in Windsor which was a very nice residential area at the time. There was an alley way which ran through the block at the back of the houses. The garbage containers, etc., were located here, and it was a favorite foraging ground for young boys who were always bringing home some new finds. I suppose the day they came upon the tokens they must have thought they had discovered a real treasure in pirates' gold or something. As it stands now it is most unlikely that more tokens will be dug up from this source, at least."

So here was a hoard of about fifty so-called Laredo, Texas, tokens found in a garbage can in Windsor, Ontario, of all places. Here, truly, was a mystery sufficient to whet the appetite of an avid vecturist. Mr. Palmer, meanwhile, had written the public library in Windsor, and in due time back came the solution to our mystery. Miss Ruth Heyd of the Reference Department in that institution examined old Windsor city directories, and came up with sufficient evidence to remove once and for all time these three "texas" tokens from the Rio Grande valley. On page 272 of the dir-

ectory for 1926-1927, there is a full-page advertisement for a firm known as the Border Cities Auto Stage Line, and she sent along a Xerox copy of it. The ad has a picture of a typical bus of the late 1920's period, and the heading "RIDE IN SAFETY AND IN COMFORT." Below that is the following:

> *9 BIG, ROOMY MACK AND WHITE PARLOR BUSES - AN INDIVIDUAL CHAIR FOR EVERY PASSENGER - OPERATING ON FOLLOWING SCHEDULE: EVERY HOUR-WINDSOR AND BELLE RIVER. EVERY 2 HOURS-WINDSOR AND TILBURY. EVERY 45 MINS.-WINDSOR AND ST. CLAIR BEACH. RIDE ON RUBBER. MAKE YOUR JOURNEY PLEASANT. CAREFUL, COURTEOUS SERVICE. BORDER CITIES AUTO STAGE LINE 14 SANDWICH EAST SENECA 4613.*

Examining a map of the region supplied by Mr. Palmer, we find that St. Clair Beach is about eight miles from downtown Windsor; Belle River is about sixteen miles from Windsor; and Tilbury is about 30 miles from Windsor. On the basis of prices then current, it is not unreasonable to assume that our three denominations of tokens--15¢,25¢,35¢, were used respectively on rides from Windsor to those three places. Miss Heyd added that the Border Cities Auto Stage Line was listed in City Directories for the years 1925,1926,1927, and 1928. "No further reference occurs in our directories after that date," she adds, "and the line seems to have disappeared."

So what we thought were Texas tokens now seem certain to be Ontario tokens, and three beautiful rare U.S. tokens are acquired by Canada...for the "border cities" of the name of our line are almost certainly those three Canadian places, and it does not seem likely that this line crossed the boundary into Michigan at all. We shall examine Detroit city directories for the same period, however, in the dim hope that possibly the firm also operated into Michigan, so that we may still list them as international tokens. But this is not at all probable.

In summation, then, it appears that a former owner of the line lived in Windsor and, coming across the last remnants of his old tokens, threw them out in his garbage can and, thanks to a couple of little boys on a treasure hunt, four of them have survived for collectors. The line apparently was discontinued in 1927, the last of the tokens were found by the boys in 1940, and now in 1965 we have finally learned the truth about the firm that issued them.

Still, perhaps, we might wonder about it. What hopes and dreams possessed the mind of the man who started it, and what disappointment must have weighed down upon him when the line failed? Perhaps we shall never know. Perhaps we shall never know, either, why there were no 15¢ tokens--only 25¢ and 35¢ ones--in that hoard. But whatever the final answer is, the old Border Cities Auto Stage Line, which passed into oblivion 38 years ago, will live on in the memory of collectors, thanks to the little tokens that were used.

My gratitude to Ken Palmer for his work in getting the information herein disclosed (and for swapping me his duplicate set, to give me a complete set of the tokens for my collection).

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PRICES REALIZED AT HAROLD FORD'S FEBRUARY AUCTION

All Pennsylvania	*150 A.....4.50*	*400 C.....3.50*	*495 J.....2.00*	*750 L.....15.00*
25 A..... .40	*150 B.....9.00*	*400 D.....3.50*	*605 B.....1.95*	*750 W.....1.00*
25 B..... .70	*195 C..... .95*	*425 A.....6.00*	*605 D.....1.50*	*750 Z.....2.75*
25 C..... .40	*195 D.....6.00*	*425 C.....1.50*	*645 A.....6.00*	*770 C.....1.50*
25 D..... .40	*295 A..... .35*	*470 A.....4.50*	*645 B.....6.00*	*775 A..... .30*
135 A..... .50	*320 A.....4.50*	*490 A.....1.50*	*750 G.....10.75*	*870 A..... .30*

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Joe Kotler reports that vecturists will enjoy the movie TOPKAPI for its excellent shots of Istanbul ferryboats, which use tokens, and the Galata Bridge, which used tokens also. The booths which sell the tokens are shown, also.

= MR. TRAIN'S TRAMWAYS STARTED IT =

By E.S. Lomax

(The following article, sent to us by Mr. A.C. Hazevoet of Amsterdam West, is taken from the London Daily Telegraph of March 24, 1961. It gives an excellent brief history of the origin of the lines which used tokens listed as Birkenhead 75 C, Darlington 230 A, London 475 A E F G H I J, and Stokes-on-Trent 730 A.)

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO YESTERDAY [i.e., on March 23, 1861] a short horse-tramway system was ceremoniously opened in Bayswater Road, London. This was the forerunner of the network of tramways subsequently laid down in the city. The man responsible for the innovation was a flamboyant young American, George Francis Train.

Train came to England in 1859 to develop tramways on the pattern of the successful American ones. He opened England's first tramway, in Birkenhead, August 30, 1860. This line, just over a mile long and equipped with two single-deck and two double-deck tramcars, was eventually most successful. Extensions followed, and the system worked for 40 years until replaced by Birkenhead Corporation's electric trams.

Train had meanwhile approached various London road authorities, and by January, 1861, he had authority to operate three separate tramways in London. He immediately formed three companies to build and operate these lines, and provided most of the capital. The first of these was the Marble Arch Street Rail Co., and on March 23, 1861, this company opened London's first tramway, from Marble Arch to Porchester Terrace. The line was laid on the park side of Bayswater Road, and was single track with a siding at each end. There were three single-deck, two-horse tramcars, built in Birkenhead, each with accommodation for 36 passengers. The track itself consisted of flat wrought-iron "step-rails" which projected slightly above the road surface. This operation met with opposition right from the start, largely because of these projecting rails. Many accidents occurred and, four months after its opening the Road Commissioners ordered the removal of the line.

Meanwhile the second of Train's companies, the Westminster Street Rail Co. Ltd. had opened a short tramway on April 15, 1861, with neither loops nor sidings, along the centre of Victoria Street. This line had only one tramcar. A tiny single-decker, it carried about 500 passengers a day. This tramway was also declared an obstruction, and in March, 1862, the line was closed by Westminster Board of Works.

Train's third London tramway had a more spectacular career. The company formed for this venture was the Surrey Side Street Rail Co., with an authorized capital of 100,000Pounds. The line extended from the south side of Westminster Bridge to Kennington Gate, and was opened on August 15, 1861. In the first nine months of operation almost 750,000 passengers were carried. But trouble developed in April, 1862, when Train was found guilty at Kingston Assizes of making the road dangerous to the public by operating the tramway. Train defied orders to remove the line, but in June, 1862, workmen began to lift the track on the orders of the Sheriff of Surrey. As section after section of the rails was ripped out, the trams continued to run on a dwindling route until finally there was no line at all. Thus did Train's tramcars vanish from London's streets.

Train's stubborn insistence on using projecting rails for his London tramways was a major error. Had he used groove rails, flush with the road surface, the systems might have been an outstanding success.

Turning his back on London, however, he immediately opened tramways in Darlington and the Potteries, then returned to the United States. After a chequered career, in the course of which he even stood for the Presidency, he died there in 1904.

The success of the Birkenhead and the Potteries tramways, with a different type of rail, was widely noticed, and schemes for urban tramways began to take shape throughout England. The Tramways Act of 1870 gave encouragement.

(FB Editor's note: Later on, Mr. Train was hired by the City of Tacoma, Wash., to make a trip "around the world in 80 days or less" to prove it could be done, and to publicize Tacoma. Train made it in about 72 days, the first man in history to do it so fast. He lived after that for several years in Tacoma, but turned bitter when the city did not afford him much recognition for his success. An amazing person.)

= A.V.A. CONVENTION TO BE HELD AUGUST 6-8 IN NEW YORK CITY =

By Foster B. Pollack, Convention Chairman

Beginning August 6 and extending through August 8, 1965, the A.V.A. Convention will be held at the Hotel Empire, Broadway & 63rd Street, New York City. We are planning to make this the biggest A.V.A. Convention yet, and we need the cooperation of all members. On Friday, August 6, a special trip has been planned for all those who expect to arrive early, to take the New York City subway system to the American Numismatic Society building at 156th Street and Broadway, to view the Morganthau collection. This trip has been arranged by Max M. Schwartz, and will be guided by him. Early arrivals will meet on August 6 at the NEVA headquarters, 1841 Broadway, (entrance on 60th Street), Room 808, at 1:45 p.m. For those coming later in the day we shall have a special room set up at the Hotel Empire, beginning at 6 p.m. for the usual Friday night trade and gab-fest.

On Saturday, August 7, our meeting room at the Hotel Empire will be open at 9 a.m. for early risers, with the business meeting scheduled to start at 10 a.m. Saturday will be our big day and will consist of the general business meeting, appointment of committees, etc., trading, swapping, and the usual number of tall stories.

During the afternoon, Larry Freeman has graciously offered to conduct our auction, and we have accepted his offer with pleasure.

Our dinner will take place Saturday evening, and the "talkathon" will go on into the night.

For Sunday, August 8, we have planned a trip by boat around Manhattan Island. This is a 3-hour trip and our present plans are to start between 9:30 and 10 a.m., which will mean that those who wish to start for home on Sunday will have plenty of time to do so. Sam Rabinowitz has given us the preliminary sketch of the token to be used for the trip around Manhattan Island, and in all fairness I must say that this token will probably be the most beautiful token ever listed in Atwood's Catalogue if our present plans for it materialize.

We have not yet set a package price for the Convention, but this will probably be announced in the next issue of The Fare Box.

We wish to point out to those coming to the Convention that they should try to make this a part of their vacations, as there are innumerable things to see in New York, aside from the Convention, one of which of course is the 1965 World's Fair. Bring your family along. We hope to see you, and we want to get as many members and their families to come as possible.

A reminder: don't forget to make your own hotel reservations <u>today</u>. Don't wait till the last minute!

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= THE HILLSBORO, ILL., CITY BUS TOKEN =

Recently the Editor acquired this handsome little rarity and, curious about its history, I wrote to the Illinois Power Company at Hillsboro for some information. Back came a letter with the following interesting account:

Illinois Power & Light Corp. was a predecessor company to Illinois Power Co. For many years an electric street railway system was operated in Hillsboro by Illinois Power & Light Corp. In this town of 6000 population one branch of it ran from the business district to the N.Y. Central and Chicago & Eastern Illinois Ry. station, a distance of about 1½ miles. The other branch ran to the Village of Taylor Springs, which adjoins Hillsboro on the south, and is the home of a zinc oxide smelter owned by American Zinc, Lead, and Smelting Co. This was about 3 miles. The street railway was discontinued in August, 1927, and replaced with 3 buses. They ran until June, 1929, when they were discontinued. The fare to the railway station was 5¢, and 8¢ to Taylor Springs.

So Ill 415 A was used only from August 1927 until June 1929. I was also informed that only 3 tokens had been found in recent years, all of which had been sent out to various collectors who had written in for them. No more are available.

= NEW ZEALAND TRANSPORTATION TOKENS: A SURVEY =

By J.M. Kotler

For over two years I have been conducting some sporadic, long distance research on the transportation tokens used in New Zealand. Although many questions remain unanswered, and several lines of study are still open, I nevertheless feel it is best to present the known facts at this time. Perhaps at a later date someone will give us a fuller background of these little treasures so closely related to the country's colonial period.

Most of the research involved was conducted by correspondence, which any writer can testify is hardly the best method. Despite this, I have been aided by several persons whose kind help I must acknowledge here. Any credit accorded this survey is due them. The errors are my own. Harry A. Robinson and Allan Sutherland of Auckland; S.J. McKenzie, Honorary Curator, Institute Museum, Nelson; Janet D. Hine, the Dixson Library, Sydney.

For unavoidable reasons of incomplete study, I must beg the reader's forgiveness in not following standard cataloguing procedures. First, the cities should be in alphabetical order, and second, the tokens mentioned under Auckland are probably not in correct chronological order.

PART ONE: TRAMS IN DUNEDIN

The only New Zealand token recorded in Kenneth E. Smith's *Check List of the Transportation Tokens of Australia and New Zealand* is the somewhat common aluminum piece from Dunedin. Roland C. Atwood, the great, roving American collector, stated that these tokens went out of use in the early parts of World War II (THE FARE BOX, XVI:35). Mr. Atwood has told me that on his 1962 trip to the South Pacific, he looked up the transit company in Dunedin and was able to obtain the remaining supply of the tokens, about 20 pieces.

We are in doubt exactly how the tokens were used. The legend reads "TOKEN SECTION 1d." or "TOKEN 1d. SECTION" which ever way you choose to interpret. Was there a special penny fare section of town or were the lines laid out in zones, this being for a penny zone?

The city arms shield deserves description at this point. At the top appears a handsome old castle, probably from Dunedin, Scotland. The majority of settlers in New Zealand's far southern province of Otago came from Scotland. Below the castle are two prominent local agricultural products--a sheaf of wheat, left, and a lamb, right. Beneath these is a three-masted sailing ship, a reminder of colonial days. At the right of the shield is a thistle sprig, an ancient Scottish symbol, and to the left is a stalk of wheat.

It should be worth noting here that Dunedin was the second city in the country to have electric trams. The lines opened in 1903, one year after Auckland. Next to San Francisco, Dunedin was the last city in the world to maintain a cable car system, bowing out on March 2, 1957. Perhaps the tokens were for use on some of the old grip cars.

It is an academic question which is the obverse of this piece, but I shall use the side bearing the company name. The token is described as follows:

DUNEDIN 240

DUNEDIN CORPORATION TRAMWAYS TOKEN SECTION 1d.

A o A Oc Sd Municipality of Dunedin Incorporated 1865 (shield)(20mm)

PART TWO: AUCKLAND OMNIBUS COMPETITION

Like so many other expanding metropolitan areas in the last half of the 19th Century, Auckland needed a public transport system to meet its growth. Evidence in the form of fare tokens shows this was met by at least three different companies. William Crowther, S. Young, and a Mr. McMillan were the proprietors, and from photos and other sources it appears they all operated horse-drawn omnibuses.

William Crowther constructed the Victoria Stables on the site of the present Embassy Theatre in the 1870's. From 1891 to 1893 he served as Mayor of Auckland, and in the following two years was a Representative in Parliament. In 1895 his stable and omnibus operations were sold to Messrs. Pullen and Armitage. The token, as yet unrecorded for vecturists, is described as follows:

AUCKLAND 100

CROWTHER RETURN BEARER
A o Bz 27 Sd Parnell & Newmarket Line of Safetys

Parnell and Newmarket are two boroughs that make up a part of Greater Auckland. Evidently the token was for the return portion, when a rider paid a round trip fare between the two areas. The pieces were made locally by Anton Teutenberg, who also did civil work including the gargoyles on the Supreme Court Building and Shortland Street Post Office.

S. Young ran lines to compete with Crowther. His tokens are quite similar and were struck by the same Auckland diesinker, Anton Teutenberg. This item is also unrecorded for vecturists:

S. YOUNG FARE 3d
B o Bz 27 Sd (same as obverse)

An Auckland numismatist, Harry A. Robinson, owns the original dies for both the Crowther and Young tokens. He is presently completing a monograph on the life of Teutenberg. No restrikes have been made, and I believe none are contemplated.

The third and most mysterious of the omnibus tokens is the piece struck for a Mr. McMillan. It has never been described in numismatic literature, and Allan Sutherland's *Numismatic History of New Zealand* (New Plymouth, 1940) makes no mention of anything for McMillan. Until this year our only knowledge of its existence came from a clipping of the now defunct Auckland *Sun* dated merely 1940...

> One of the finest collections of N.Z. tokens is held by Mr. J.C. Entrican of Mt. Albert, Auckland's authority on numismatics. Showing the tokens to a *Sun* reporter, he said none of them revealed any great beauty of design. One of Mr. Entrican's prized pieces is horse-bus proprietors tokens, who all proudly claim on their tokens that they "ran safety lines." They include William Crowther, McMillan and Young.

Judging from this article we can probably credit Mr. Entrican as being the first vecturist in New Zealand. He died several years ago and left his collection to the Auckland War Memorial Museum. Correspondence with that institution concerning the rare McMillan token has failed to bring a reply. Within the past few months Allan Sutherland has been appointed Honorary Numismatist as the museum, and we may now hope to learn more of the secrets in the Entrican collection.

For many years the Entrican collection contained the only known specimen of the McMillan token. Now, Harry Robinson has uncovered one of these rarities, and we are able to provide the following description:

McMILLAN'S SAFETY RETURN (INCUSE LETTERS)
C o K 30 Sd (blank)

The token is crudely made from copper sheet, probably similar to the Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, turnpike pieces and Red River & Assiniboine Bridge checks of Winnipeg.

These three omnibus tokens of Crowther, Young, and McMillan are important relics of history. We have practically no other major evidence of the early Auckland

transport. Once again we can see the value of tokens, surviving "bits of history" adding to man's knowledge of his past.

As one might judge, all three of these tokens are quite scarce. It seems many people saved the early tradesmen's currency tokens, but few bothered to keep the low issue transport pieces. I doubt if twenty specimens exist of any single type. *(TO BE CONTINUED)*

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= A VISIT WITH A NEW MEMBER =

By H.D. Allen

Recently the application for membership of one Orazio Lombardo was processed, and he was duly assigned number 619. Like most A.V.A. members I have met, Mr. Lombardo is a highly interesting man. And, since I had the honor to propose him for membership--his life is tokens, yet no one else had told him of the A.V.A.--I can recount my visit with him recently.

Mr. Lombardo is a credit to Canada and to free enterprise. A "New Canadian" is our phrase, eight years ago he arrived in this country with little other than his skill. He is a die engraver. Today he has a thriving business that employs eight, and he's moving to a new, bigger building next year. He will show you the press that struck 5,000,000 tokens, Quebec 620 R to AC. A man proud of his craft, he'll let you examine his Quebec 200 B--in 24 karat gold. Quebec 750's, 780's, 825's, 850's, 950's, and 3850's, are on his desk, along with newer releases and strikings for Ontario and British Columbia. Such medals as the Trans-Canada Highway and the Charlottetown Conference Centennial are his work, and other tokens and pieces that no one has catalogued. For Mr. Lombardo and his firm, Canadian Artistic Dies, Inc., has had relatively little publicity, although a good token can speak for itself. He gets repeat orders and word-of-mouth advertising. Other firms subcontract to him. And, he tells me, he has plans for expansion. With the smaller African republics, as an instance, he would like some day to get into the coinage field.

Showing Mr. Lombardo an Atwood Catalogue was a unique experience. He would turn through the Canadian section, page after page, and point to entries, "We made those!" (He has promised for THE FARE BOX a careful listing of all transportation and parking tokens produced by his firm.) His top drawer is filled with medals and tokens, not only his but those of his competitors--he can admire a good piece of work. In his crowded office in behind another building, at 400 Minto Street in the charming city of Sherbrooke in Quebec's Eastern Townships, he has a frame of his work, and he tells how his best pieces are being arranged for a display at City Hall.

But some of his best are in the collections of all of us who collect Canadian. And, if my experience is typical, a fascinating experience awaits any of us who pay Mr. Lombardo a visit, take a tour of his work area, view machinery some of which was designed and built at his plant. From the old wooden floors he may pick up a token, perhaps a mis-strike, and present it to us. Nearby work will be progressing on some new, unlisted piece. But the real experience will be in meeting Mr. Lombardo himself, still a young man and one whose impact on numismatics, in several branches, is bound to be great.

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PRICES REALIZED AT NICOLOSI'S DECEMBER AUCTION

Mich 225 KLM..15.00	*NY 70 A..... NB*	*Ohio 175 AC....2.60*	*Pa 455 A.....3.01*
Nebr 540 O..... .75	*NY 105 K.....1.25*	*Ohio 520 C.....7.30*	*Va 120 B..... .35*
Nebr 980 B..... NB	*NY 630 I.....1.55*	*Pa 25 A..... NB*	*Wash 780 K..... .50*
Nebr 980 C.....2.55	*NY 800 A.....5.00*	*Pa 25 B..... .50*	*Wash 780 S..... .40*
Nev 100 AB..too low	*Ohio 165 AE... .45*	*Pa 70 A,B...no bids*	*Wash 970 A..... .35*
NJ 885 A..... NB	*Ohio 165 AF... .75*	*Pa 70 C..... .40*	*DC 500 B.....7.50*

= THE 1965 CENSUS OF RARE TOKENS =

By Harold Ford

(This is a list of those tokens of which fewer than ten are known in the hands of collectors. If the letter is underlined, fewer than three are known in the hands of collectors. These are the "Census Tokens.")

ALABAMA 120 A, 220 F, 470 A, 560 I K M P S, 800 A B.
ALASKA 300 A B, 400 A, 450 C, 500 A.
ARIZONA 640 F.
ARKANSAS 15 A B, 75 A, 150 A B C D, 300 A, 315 A, 720 A.
CALIFORNIA 220 A, 525 A, 575 B P, 615 A B, 630 C, 715 A D E F G V W, 745 A I T 760 C, 775 A B, 815 A.
COLORADO 380 A, 760 A, 860 A.
CONNECTICUT 55 A, 160 A, 220 A, 230 A, 235 A C, 290 A, 305 A B C, 325 A.
FLORIDA 230 A B, 310 A, 380 I Q R V, 530 A G.
GEORGIA 60 A B C D E F G, 270 A, 750 A B C D F, 905 A.
HAWAII 210 A H K L M N O P, 540 E.
Idaho 520 A
ILLINOIS 95 A, 135 D E, 150 D E F G H J K L M N O P T AC, 190 A B, 195 A, 220 D, 350 A B, 415 A, 417 A, 420 A, 425 A, 435 A B, 455 G, 580 A, 605 A B, 680 A, 768 A B, 785 A, 795 D E, 820 A B.
INDIANA 20 A, 140 A, 160 A B, 180 B, 200 A, 405 A, 450 C, 460 A B C G M, 490 B, 510 D, 520 A B, 600 A, 610 D, 680 A, 685 A B, 700 B C D F, 820 A, 860 A, 900 A, 930 A B, 980 C.
IOWA 30 C, 75 A, 130 A, 150 C, 180 A, 240 A, 300 A B C F, 310 B, 380 A B C D E F G Q 630 A, 640 B C D E F G H I K L M O P, 660 A, 710 A B, 740 E, 850 A B C D E F G H I J, 865 A, 880 A, 930 A B.
KANSAS 40 A, 85 A B C, 120 A, 370 A, 450 A, 620 A, 680 A B C D, 770 A B, 830 A, 910 A, 970 A.
KENTUCKY 10 A B D E, 85 A B D, 100 A B C D, 135 A, 200 A, 270 A C, 370 A, 510 B E M R V W AA AF AR AS AT, 520 A, 640 A B C D E, 670 A, 680 A I.
LOUISIANA 240 A, 470 A, 810 A B C.
MARYLAND 60 A E F G P S, 600 C, 940 B.
MASSACHUSETTS 115 C D E F G H, 260 B C.
MICHIGAN 65 A F H, 170 A B C D, 225 B, 370 A E, 510 A B, 525 B, 530 A B C D F K, 560 A I, 585 A, 590 A B, 605 C E G, 630 A, 680 C D H, 735 A, 845 A B, 945 A.
MINNESOTA 50 A B C D E F G H I J K, 60 A B, 110 A, 230 A D E, 290 A, 300 A, 400 A, 490 A, 540 C D G, 630 A, 660 A B, 730 A, 760 C D, 765 A B.
MISSISSIPPI 320 A, 500 C, 620 B, 720 A B C, 900 B F H.
MISSOURI 130 A B, 160 A B, 200 A B C D E, 350 B E, 370 A, 640 B, 665 A, 700 B, 830 B, 860 A B C, 880 H, 910 P Q, 920 A B, 980 A B.
MONTANA 320 A B.
NEBRASKA 120 A B, 320 A, 440 A B, 540 B C D E F G H I J K L, 700 C, 885 A, 940 A, 980 A.
NEW JERSEY 20 A B, 250 A, 290 B C D E, 675 A B C, 730 A B, 945 A.
NEW MEXICO 430 A.
NEW YORK 105 A B, 140 A B C, 240 A, 285 C, 445 A B, 595 A B, 629 A B, 630 A C E F G J K L M N O P R S AL, 631 R, 890 B C, 935 A B C D.
NORTH CAROLINA 40 A, 140 A, 280 A B C D, 390 A, 700 A- 950 A, also 850 A B.
NORTH DAKOTA 260 A, 600 A B C.
OHIO 10 F G H, 30 A, 35 A B C, 165 B C D E F G H I J K L M N P Q R S T, 175 A E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R T U X AB, 210 A, 230 A B C D F G H J K, 240 A B C, 270 A, 290 C, 410 A, 450 A I, 465 A, 495 A, 515 A B, 535 A, 590 A, 625 A B, 660 A B C D, 700 A, 730 A, 745 A, 785 A B, 790 B, 815 B, 830 A B, 900 A B, 910 A, 995 A.
OKLAHOMA 190 A B C, 320 A, 330 A B C D, 900 A.
OREGON 160 K, 800 A.
PENNSYLVANIA 15 A, 20 A, 73 A, 115 A B, 125 A, 130 A B, 165 B D, 195 H, 197 A B, 260 A, 315 A B C, 320 B C D, 350 A B C, 355 A, 385 A B C D, 395 A B, 400 A B E, 455 C, 495 D F H, 515 A, 525 A B C D E F G H I J K L M N X, 573 A B, 605 A, 675 A,

680 A, 725 E F, 745 A B C D E, 750 C D E H I J Q S T U V, 755 A, 760 A, 765 A B C D F G H I M N O P U V W, 770 A B, 785 A, 840 C D, 875 A, 940 A, 965 A B D E F G H I, 975 A C, 985 A B.

RHODE ISLAND 620 B C.

SOUTH CAROLINA 310 A.

SOUTH DAKOTA 370 A, 950 A, 970 A.

TENNESSEE 430 C D E J V, 490 A, 600 C O, 690 A B C D.

TEXAS 65 D, 135 A, 320 A, 340 B C D, 360 A B, 445 F G I, 465 A, 530 A B C D, 555 A, 710 A, 810 A B= 890 B, 930 A, 950 A B, 955 A, 965 A B C D F.

UTAH 525 A, 750 A B.

VIRGINIA 20 B, 65 B, 110 A, 350 A, 535 A, 580 A B D, 600 M, 620 E F L N, 660 A H, 700 A, 730 A B, 840 A.

WASHINGTON 80 A B, 150 A, 230 A B, 590 A B, 690 A, 780 I, 850 A B, 880 K.

WEST VIRGINIA 20 A, 100 A B, 550 A, 830 A, 890 A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O.

WISCONSIN 20 B, 95 A B, 160 A B C, 170 A, 180 A C D E, 250 A, 360 C, 410 D, 420 A D, 440 A I J, 500 A, 510 A B C, 520 A B, 530 B, 560 A B C, 600 A, 700 A D, 790 C H I, 870 A B C, 880 A B D, 910 A, 930 A B, 935 A.B C, 980 B D E G.

WYOMING 120 A.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA 500 G AD AF.

PUERTO RICO 560 A B C.

Guam 25 A.

Inquiries are invited concerning this census. Should you question tokens listed or not listed...write to Associate Editor Harold Ford, Jr. - 1999 Gaspar Drive - Oakland, California 94611.

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= FLOOR AND MAIL BIDS BOTH TO BE ACCEPTED AT A.V.A. CONVENTION AUCTION =

Larry Freeman has graciously offered to conduct the auction this year, and those of you who were at last year's convention know what an excellent and unusual job he did at Harrisburg. This year, however, we hope to make it even better, with the addition of mail bids. Max M. Schwartz has volunteered to keep the mail bid book. But we must have the actual tokens in our hands before they can be listed for auction.

This is a call to all members who have tokens that they wish to sell at auction at the Convention, to mail them immediately to the N.E.V.A. headquarters, 1841 Broadway, Room 808, New York, N.Y. 10023. The tokens will be held in a safe and will be listed in The Fare Box. Mail bids will then be accepted through August 4 by Max M. Schwartz.

We again want to reiterate that we must have your tokens in our possession before we can list them in the auction. Please do not send 15¢ tokens for auction, singly. We will accept 15¢ tokens in lots for auction, that is, in groups of several of them. If you wish to make a reserve minimum bid for your own tokens, please so advise on the envelope containing them. There will be a commission charged of 10% to defray any deficit which may occur at the convention. (This is usually more than offset by the unusually high prices realized by floor bidding.)

So please send in some good tokens to make this auction a big success.

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18mm BRASS TOKENS NOW USED ON ROCKEFELLER CENTER ELEVATOR IN NEW YORK

Larry Freeman sends a rubbing of a token currently in use on the elevator used to reach the observation roof of Rockefeller Center in New York City. It is used in conjunction with a guided tour of the whole center, so may not strictly be construed a transportation token, although one cannot board the elevator without it. The token is brass, 18mm, solid: "ROCKEFELLER CENTER NEW YORK CITY (BUILDING)" on obverse; and "OBSERVATION ROOF GUIDED TOUR" on reverse.

= APRIL SUPPLEMENT TO THE FOREIGN CHECK LIST =
By Kenneth E. Smith

ENGLAND

Accrington 5

BOROUGH OF ACCRINGTON (ARMS)

AE	Ci 23 Sd	3d. (BC1616)brown	$0.15

Barnsley 48

THE YORKSHIRE TRACTION CO. LTD.

AA	Cg 26 Sd	(same as obverse)(1/2d. on both sides)(dark green)(Vars.)	.15
AB	Ci 26 Sd	" " " (1d. " " " (dark brown)(Vars.)	.15
AC	Cb 26 Sd	" " " (2d. " " " (dark blue)(Vars.)	.15
AD	Cb 26 Sd	" " " (3d. " " " (light blue)	.15
AE	Cp 26 Sd	" " " (4d. " " " (purple)	.20
AF	Cr 26 Sd	" " " (6d. " " " (red)(Vars.)	.30
AG	Cp 26 Sd	" " " (9d. " " " (light pink)(Vars.)	.60
AH	Cw 26 Sd	" " " (1/- " " " (white)(Vars.)	.60

Blackburn 90

(CITY ARMS)("ARTE ET LABORE" ON RIBBON)

AI	Ce 23 Sd	5d. (BC1999)(black)	.25

Dewsbury 242

YORKSHIRE W.D. TRANSPORT CO. LTD. (LARGE LETTERS)(HORSESHOE MAGNET /AND WHEEL)

AR	Cr 23 Sd	1d. (BC1165 red)(small 1)	.15
AS	Cr 23 Sd	(same but large 1)	.15
AT	Cg 23 Sd	2d.	.15

THE YORKSHIRE TRACTION CO. LTD. YTCO

CA	Cy 23 Sd	1d. (medium 1)	.15
		a. (no stamped V)	
		b. (stamped V on obverse)	
		c. (stamped V on reverse)	
CB	Cy 23 Sd	1d. (large 1)	.15
CC	Cy 26 Sd	2d.	.15

(Omit 242 L as it is now a 48 AB variety; omit 242 M, now a 48 AC variety)

Hull 405

KINGSTON UPON HULL CORPORATION TRANSPORT (CITY ARMS)(LARGE LETTERS)

DQ	Cr 25 Sd	2d. (BC1153)(d close to 2)	.15
DV	Cr 25 Sd	(same but d far from 2)	.15

Newcastle 545

NEWCASTLE CORPORATION TRAMWAYS (ARMS)

AY	Cy 22 Sd	2d. (gold BC1127)(RV405)	.15
AZ	Cb 22 Sd	1d. (blue BC1476)(RV239)	.15

Nottingham 560

NOTTINGHAM CORPORATION TRANSPORT (NEW STYLE;LARGE LETTERS)

AR	Cg 23 Sd	1d. Pupil	.15
AS	Cb 23 Sd	2d. (small d)	.15
AT	Cb 23 Sd	2d. (large d)	.15
AU	Cp 23 Sd	3d. Corporation Employee Only (light pink)	.15
AV	Cd Sq Sd	2d. Corporation Employee Only	.15
AW	Cp Ov Sd	3d.	.15

NORTH MIDLAND TRANSPORT POOL (NEW STYLE)

BE	Cw 29 Sd	1d	.15
BF	Cg 29 Sd	3d	.15

Nottingham 560 (continued)

NOTTINGHAM CORPORATION TRANSPORT (NEW STYLE)(SMALL LETTERS)

BK	Cb 23 Sd	2d. (d close to 2)	$00.15
BL	Cb 23 Sd	2d. (d far from 2)	.15
BM	Cd 23 Sd	2d. Pupil (small d)	.15
BN	Cd 23 Sd	2d. Pupil (large d)	.15
BO	Cp 23 Sd	3d. Corporation Employee Only (large d)	.15
BP	Cp 23 Sd	3d. Corporation Employee Only (small d)	.15

NOTTINGHAM CORPORATION TRANSPORT (ARMS)

CAo B	Ob Sd	For the Use of Blind Person Only (numerals)(41x28mm)	3.00

Rotherham 630

COUNTY BOROUGH OF ROTHERHAM TRAMWAYS (ARMS)

AY	Cb 23 Sd	1½d. (BC1488)(like RV330)	.15

ROTHERHAM TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT (ARMS)

CB	Cb 23 Sd	1½d. (BC1368)(Vars.)	.15

SCOTLAND

Glasgow 420

GLASGOW CORPORATION TRAMWAYS 1d

AIo B	Ob Sd	Blind (24x20mm)	3.00

Britain is undergoing inflation and many tokens used on certain lines are becoming obsolete and new types and higher values are coming into use. Mr. D.C. of England, who reported all of the above tokens, will keep us informed of all these changes over the next few months. Nottingham 560 CA is an interesting discovery as I found this one. I was trying to get a certain type of pass currently used but, as it is illegal for any unauthorized party to have one, they couldn't oblige me. But would I be interested in a few old brass passes they had in the Safe? For a fair sum of money I bought the few brass 560 CA tokens they had (all they had). As far as the present office employees were concerned, these have been obsolete for over 30 years, because as long as they could remember the passes had been in the safe. They show heavy wear, indicating at least five years of use, maybe longer.

Mr. D.C. found in the back of the safe of the Glasgow Transport 18 brass blind tokens, of which 8 were the listed 420 K and 10 were the previously unlisted 420 AI. Until now only 2 were known of 420 K. He kept one apiece for his collection and has sent me the rest for sale at $3.00 apiece with a limit of one per collector of each kind. They are available on a first come first serve basis from me.

Yorkshire Traction Company still had the dies for 242 L and M, and a few of each token on hand. They decided to use them again, in a different town a few miles away. The new 48 AB and AC were just a shade different from 242 L and M. To simplify matters I have moved both under Barnsley. Mr. D.C. sent me 20 sets of 48 AA to AE, and 10 sets of 48 AF to AH for sale at catalog.

Kenneth E. Smith - 328 Avenue F - Redondo Beach, Calif.

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The Pittsburgh District Token Collectors Club will not meet April 25 as planned, due to the illness of Harry Bartley. Harry expects to be up and about for a meeting at the North Hills YMCA on Sunday, May 16. Everyone is invited.

Few people are aware that George Washington operated a ferry at Mount Vernon across the Potomac River. His ferry made business much easier, and many of his friends from the French & Indian War and the Revolutionary War settled near Mount Vernon, and made use of his ferry, as well as the mill and other industries that he maintained here.

= APRIL SUPPLEMENT TO ATWOOD'S CATALOGUE =
By Ralph Freiberg

FLORIDA

St. Petersburg 880
WEBB'S CITY STORE OF TOMORROW TODAY (PICTURE OF STORES)
E Pr 27 Sd Good For One City Bus Fare $0.15

NEBRASKA

Lincoln 540 (Reported by James Zervas)
C.H. ST. RY. CO. LINCOLN, NEBR. ONE FARE
AAo B Oc Sd The Best Teas, Coffees & Spices 1207 O. St. C.P. Stevens /& Co. (25mm) [obverse is same die as Nebr 540 J] 5.00

VERMONT

Brattleboro 150 (Reported by the New Issues Service)
BRATTLEBORO TRANSIT CORP. ONE FARE
F A 25 Sd A.V.A. New Issues Service Tokens For Collectors /10th Anniversary 1955-1965 .25
G A 25 Sd Collect Transportation Tokens The Educational Hobby .25

WISCONSIN

Sturgeon Bay 870 (Reported by Marie A. Johnson)
STURGEON BAY BRIDGE CO. WIS. 10 CENTS
F o B 24 Sd (bridge) 5.00

CANADA - ONTARIO

Goderich 310 (Reported by Kenneth Palmer [A] and J. Douglas Ferguson [B])
GOOD FOR BUSS FARE AND RETURN HOTEL BEDFORD GODERICH. /FRED DAVIS, PROP.
A o A 34 Sd Smoke J A P Cigars. 5.00
GOOD FOR BUS FARE AND RETURN HOTEL BEDFORD GODERICH. /FRED DAVIS, PROP.
B o A 37 Sd Smoke El Cielo Cigar (Sc) 5.00

QUEBEC

Chomedey 120 (Reported by J.A.W. Cassidy)
GALLAND BUS LINES CHOMEDEY P.Q. GBL
C WM 16 Sd (same as obverse) (very light bronze plating) .15

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NOTES BY RALPH FREIBERG

We have just received a shipment of tokens from the Brattleboro Transit Corp. of Vermont. The officers of the A.V.A. found a way to issue regular transportation tokens advertising our hobby by having a quantity made up free for this bus company, which places them into use and thereby makes them legitimate issues. These tokens are now in use in Brattleboro. (See article elsewhere for more details.)

It just happens that we obtained the idea of our hobby being advertised on tokens from ancient and legitimate sources. Many firms have used this same idea as a means of advertising and, by a happy coincidence, we have several new discoveries in this line to report this month.

First we have a token from St. Petersburg. Webb's City is a very large store there, and it is claimed that you can buy almost anything in this store. Perhaps it is best to characterize Webb's City as a group of stores under one ownership. As they probably have a parking lot covering a lot of ground, they decided on an advertising gimmick for those travelling by bus to the store. They had these red plastic tokens made, and they sell them to customers at 2 for 25¢. The tokens are good on buses going to and from the shopping center. The tokens are dropped into the fare

box and Webb's redeems them from the transit company. The company gets 14¢ for each token redeemed. Without a token the fare is 15¢. As for other tokens of St. Petersburg, they all have been obsolete for the past 15 years. The D, steel token should have been listed before the C token as a wartime issue. As far as we know, the C was put into circulation after the war. So mark D obsolete in your catalogue.

Incidentally, the first person to report this token to us will get credit if he will please write in and tell us. We lost his letter, and amid our huge correspondence, we just forgot who it was. Roice Rider reported it a couple days later, but the first person who told us about it remains a mystery till he sends us a card.

Next we come to another advertising token, from Lincoln, Nebraska. Mr. Zervas picked up this token from an old time coin dealer. The token is the same as 540 J which is also really 25mm (the Catalogue is wrong in calling it 27mm), except for the different reverse. Capital Heights Street Railway was a horsecar line that operated in the late 1880's. The J has a picture of a horsecar on it; AA does not.

The Sturgeon Bay token is like the C token from there, but with a different denomination. The bridge pictured is exactly like than on A,B, and C.

Next we come to two interesting tokens from Goderich, Ontario. Mr. Ferguson had had heard that this hotel used depotel tokens but until recently had been unable to locate any. The A token was originally in the collection of Mr. Lindsay McLennan of Hamilton, and Mr. Ferguson obtained it from him. Mr. Palmer was the first to note it, however, in Mr. McLennan's collection, and he reported it to us. The B token is in the collection of the Antiquarian & Numismatic Society of Montreal at the Chateau de Ramezay. It was not on public view, but the Honorary Curator, Mr. Fred Bowman, located it there. It was originally in the collection of R.W. McLachlan, whose collection forms the great backbone of their collection. Mr. Ferguson believes these tokens were used about 1910. As for the advertising on the tokens, I am not sure if the word "JAP" is meant to be one word, or is the initials for three words beginning with those three letters.

Mr. Cassidy reported the token from Chomedey and mentioned it to Mr. St. Aubin. Mr. St. Aubin went to see the owner of the bus line and was told that some white metal (1,500 of them) tokens were ordered and lightly plated for use on school buses. He placed 500 in circulation for one day only. As the fare was slightly cheaper than for adult tokens, the parents kept the tokens for their own use. It is possible the rest of the tokens were sent back, and heavily plated to look like the B token. More information may be obtained later on.

In February when listing a token from British Columbia, we forgot to mention that BC 998 B was to be deleted, as it is now 800 B. Also, in the March issue we made a mistake on BC 1000 A. The word printed as "CABS" should be "CARS" and credit belongs to William Magee for reporting the token.

I have had some correspondence from Jack Carman, a member of the A.V.A. He was formerly part of the operation of the Browning Bus Line of Newcastle, Indiana. This firm then bought out the line in Elkhart in 1954, but could not make it pay, and the line was closed on June 13, 1958. They also purchased the line in Goshen, and this was also shut down about May of 1957. So although we don't have these tokens marked obsolete, please mark them so in your catalogues. I believe a great many collectors still need Ind 350 C, the white metal one from Goshen. My belief is that when the fare went to 2 for 25¢ about 1952 the A and B tokens were destroyed, and the C put into use. There are very few of the C left, so if you need it, you might write to Mr. Carman.

I also asked Mr. Carman to check out a couple small bus lines in Michigan, as I still believe there may have been some lines that started up about 1946 or 1947 right after the war, and which didn't operate for long. Operators might have had tokens for such operations, but it is hard to say. One of the places I did ask Mr. Carman to check was the line at Three Rivers, Mich. The fare was 10¢ or 3 tokens for 25¢. It was owned by the same company that operated at Taylorville, Ill., and it is believed that these were the tokens used, as the fellow who worked on the buses said he did not believe there were any tokens with the name Three Rivers on them. So at this time we assume that the Taylorville, Ill., tokens were the ones used at Three Rivers. As more and more new collectors join the A.V.A., don't take it for granted that we know all there is to know about every token ever used. There's no harm in asking

questions, because it is always possible they used tokens that we don't know about.

There is also, continuing in this line of thought, the possibility that some of the tokens we have listed may really be from some other place. For instance, there is a strong liklihood that the token we have listed as "A" from Athens, Ohio, is actually from Athens, Georgia. We can find no record of any city street railway in Athens, Ohio. The only token issued by a streetcar line from Athens that we are certain about is the Nelsonville-Athens token listed under Nelsonville.

We also have a token listed from Baltimore, Md., and the only reason we put it there, tentatively, is that Baltimore had the only Central Railway we knew about at the time. Lately I have received a book on the street railways of Peoria, Ill., and have learned that there was a Central Railway that operated in Peoria. This line operated in Peoria from 1889 to 1906 when the Peoria Railway Company was incorporated. I had hoped that the author of the book might mention a token, but no such luck. But the presumption is pretty strong in favor of Peoria for the token.

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APRIL NEW ISSUES SERVICE REPORT
By John G. Nicolosi

This is New Issues Service Anniversary Year. Yes, we've been in operation for ten years. Our first new issues were sent out in July, 1955. It was July 14, 1955, and the tokens sent out were Ohio 165 AC,AD,AE, and Minn 540 AE,AF,AG. A lot of water has flown under the bridge since then. We began with a dozen members! It was all we could do to convince A.V.A. members to join. Now things are reversed and we have about 65 on the waiting list. Nothing succeeds like success.

For this occasion of our 10th Anniversary, we have had two tokens struck, and they are actually being used right now in Brattleboro, Vermont, on the city bus system there. Our thanks to Mr. Coffee for arranging to have them made. You will receive them this month. Those on my foreign list will also receive a 6d. token of Dundee, Scotland 300 BG, courtesy of Joe Kotler. Mr. Kotler also informs me that more foreign tokens will be available from the N.I.S. shortly, from Istanbul, Copenhagen, and Aberdeen, Scotland.

We are also sending out Fla 880 E this month, which has been in use about two months. Webb's City stores were very cooperative in sending us a supply of the tokens. "Webb's City, Inc." has 75 retail stores and covers an area of 5 square blocks. They have 12 large parking lots (no parking tokens). You get anything from an aspirin to a zither in these stores. They have their own cleaning plant, their own post office, live animal circus, live mermaid show, and rides (no tokens), bank service, coffee roasting plant, ice cream plant, etc., etc.

A few more tokens are pending for next month. Meantime, please keep up those New Issues Service balances!

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= THE NEW BRATTLEBORO TOKENS =

The idea of having actual bus tokens used which commemorate our hobby originated back in 1958 with Harold Ford, when he visited the Brattleboro Transit Corp. The owner of the line liked the idea, and said he would gladly put tokens into use with our slogan on the reverse, if we supplied them. So late in 1958 we had made a set of four tokens commemorating the 10th Anniversary of the A.V.A., and delivered 1,000 in aluminum to the company up there, along with a few in brass, copper, and white metal, all of which were put into use at 5/$1, and are still in use today. To honor the 10th Anniversary of the New Issues Service, one of the most vital functions of the A.V.A, I asked the President of the Brattleboro Transit Corp. if he would accept some more tokens with a different slogan. He liked the idea, and the Vt 150 F & G are the result. We struck 300 of each, and delivered 100 of each to Brattleboro, retaining 200 of each. The F & G have the same obverse die as B,C,D,E, and they are now in use. Collectors who are not in the N.I.S. may order the two tokens directly from Mr. Nicolosi at 30¢ apiece.

= APRIL PARKING TOKEN SUPPLEMENT TO ATWOOD'S CATALOGUE =
By Duane H. Feisel

CALIFORNIA
Santa Monica 3835 (Reported by Quincy A. Laflin)
DOUGLAS AIRCRAFT CO. MSSD
D Bz 25 Sd Courtesy Parking (Missile & Space Systems Division) $0.25

COLORADO
Denver 3260 (ex-Unid. 3022; location by James G. Zervas)
VARSITY LANES FREE PARKING
A B 23 Sd University Park Merchants Parking Lot (Vars.) .25
a. (Reverse: top of PARKING aligns I - E)
b. (Reverse: " " " " S - bet. RC)

ILLINOIS
Springfield 3795 (Reported by John Clymer)
ST. JOHN'S HOSPITAL SPRINGFIELD, ILL. (GATE)
A Bz 25 Sd Parcoa Token (gate)(Rev. D) .25

KANSAS
Larned 3530 (Reported by John G. Nicolosi)
WOODEN NICKEL FIRST NATIONAL BANK - LARNED, KS. (INDIAN HEAD)
A o Wr 38 Sd We Pay $1.00 Cash For Twenty Tokens Parking Token .15

MICHIGAN
Grand Rapids 3370 (ex-Unid. 3023; location reported by Kermit Streeter)
BLODGETT MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
G WM 25 Sd (blank) .25
a. (Reverse: no c/s)
b. (Reverse: c/s DIR)

TEXAS
Fort Worth 3340 (Reported by T. Maurice Murdock)
CADUCEUS BLDG. FT. WORTH (GATE)
D Bz 25 Sd Parcoa Token (gate)(Rev. C) .25

UNIDENTIFIED PARKING TOKENS (Reported by Murdock)
GREEN BAG CEMENT CO. (GATE)
3026 Bz 25 Sd Parcoa Token (gate)(Rev. C)

ONTARIO
Patterns 3998 (Reported by J. Douglas Ferguson)
PRINCE ARTHUR HOTEL
A Bz 23 Sd Ppince Arthur Hotel

ADDITIONS & CORRECTIONS:
Conn 3385: Correct spelling of city is PUTNAM not PUTHAM
Fla 3050 B: On Reverse, correct spelling is HARBOR, not HARBOUR
Penna 3750 F: token reported 3/65 as F should be G.

I have been traveling a great deal lately and have not had the time to devote to tokens. This explains why I'm later than usual in my letter-writing recently. May will be another bad month; I shall be away three straight weeks. So those of you waiting to hear from me, please remember that patience is a virtue!

The new token from Santa Monica is used by Douglas Aircraft to provide courtesy parking to applicants for employment, visitors, etc. Other information is lacking.

Patrons of the Varsity Lanes (bowling) in Denver are provided free parking through use of the token. The gate-controlled lot is free entrance, token for exit. Note that I've included a means for differentiating the varieties of this token.

February, 1964, was when tokens were put into use by St. John's Hospital. Lack-

ing other information, it is supposed that the token is used the ordinary way at hospital lots: free parking for hospital help, clergy, deliveries, etc.

The wooden nickel token from Larned is listed since a supply has been obtained directly from the bank. The tokens were last used May 20, 1963, when the bank relocated to a site which included a parking lot. Customers who had parked at the regular parking meters were given one of the tokens. When 20 tokens were accumulated, the bank would redeem them for $1.00 cash.

Little information is available on the Grand Rapids item. The tokens are apparently used in a free entrance - token or 25¢ gate-controlled exit. Free parking via tokens is provided to certain people, and this has not been clearly defined. Also the token with no counterstamp is reportedly not used, but yet that was the token originally reported, and others have been obtained by a few fortunate collectors. Who can provide us with the complete and correct story for these tokens?

Another mystery is the new item reported for Fort Worth. All looks straight forward, but the mystery arises in trying to locate a Caduceus Building in Fort Worth. Despite concentrated efforts by several Texas collectors plus my inquiries, the exact location of the building is still unknown. I suspect that the name may be a sort of nickname applied locally to one of the popular medical clinic buildings.

Still another mystery is the token listed as Unid. 3026. All examples so far located have turned up in Texas. By consulting industrial directories, it has been determined that the Green Bag Cement Co. is (or was, since it is reported that this operation has been sold to another company) a division of the Pittsburgh Coke & Chemical Co., and located on Neville Island near Pittsburgh. I can recall having driven past the plant many times, mostly on my way to Coraopolis and return in trying to get the Shafer Coach Line zone checks. Anyhow, the token is apparently not used at the Neville Island plant. The question is, Where are the tokens used?

Reportedly only two specimens of the Canadian pattern were struck.

By way of additional information, Del 3900 C & D exist with a hand-scribed X on both obverse & reverse. The X was apparently applied with one of those vibrating tools. The purpose of the X was to denote tokens given out by the parking lot attendant, rather than the information desk as usual, to persons entitled to have the tokens for free parking.

Additional counterstamp varieties of Pa 3750 F (the real F as reported in February) have been reported, and the total number is right near 20 different. Listing of these additional varieties is being held in abeyance pending investigation of the legitimacy and necessity for all the counterstamps.

These counterstamps raise a question, and that is whether or not such items should be listed. Similarly, should the wooden nickel tokens of same obverse design but with differing reverse designs of a standard nature be considered as two major listings? My personal opinion is that any detectable variation of a token should be listed (within reason), and the collector should himself decide if he considers the variations collectable.

Still more token information. On previous visits to Rome, N.Y., it was indicated to me that the few tokens I was able to locate were the only ones remaining. Just a week ago I was in Rome again and found that a supply of unknown quantity is still existent at each of the two stores.

For those of you in the PTNIS, I have a supply of only Kansas 3530 A. This item will be sent out next month along with any new issues obtained for May. By the way, openings in the Parking Token New Issues Service are still available. This past month six new collectors added their names to the PTNIS list.

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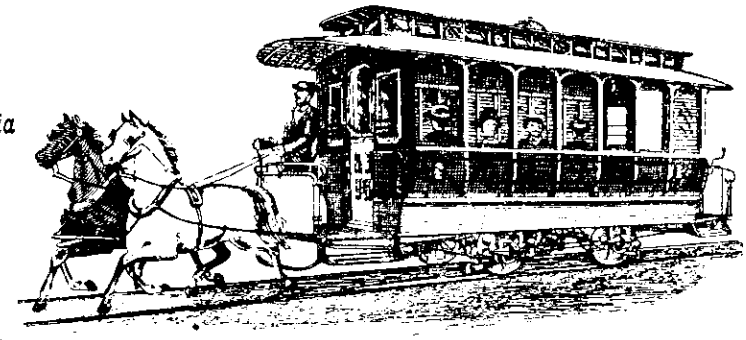

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We begin our summer schedule with this issue. The June issue will be mailed out about June 18, so have all material for that issue in to the Editor immediately, no later than June 15. Traditionally the June issue is a small one. Ballots will accompany it, for use in the A.V.A. election contest. Then the July issue, a small one, will be mailed about July 20 from the Editor's summer home in Tacoma, Wash. After that comes the long pause; the August issue won't be published until about September 10 because of the Editor's summer travels...but when you get it, it'll be a big one with a full report of the New York Convention.

We have had to omit the Parking Token Supplement from this issue because of Mr. Feisel's absence from town on business. He promises us a large one for the June issue. Then it doesn't come out in the July issue, but resumes in the August issue.

We have also omitted the Foreign Check List Supplement, and this will be resumed after certain aspects of the Foreign Catalogue Situation have been clarified. We expect to publish a complete Foreign Transportation Token Catalogue in the Fall of 1966.

The Editor was present for the May 8 meeting of the North Eastern Vecturist Association at Joe Allis' restaurant in New York. It was probably the best meeting of the group yet. Mr. Allis had a splendid display of some of his rare tokens, and as usual played the perfect host, providing the excellent luncheon that we have come to expect from him. There was the usual heavy trading, buying, and selling of tokens. Marie Johnson had driven all the way from Tecumseh, Michigan, with a friend, Miss Marie Vander Voort of Muskegon, and it was delightful to have this opportunity to meet an old friend whom we had known only by letters and on the telephone. Also present was Harold Ford, who had driven east all the way from Oakland, California. The members of the group enjoyed the opportunity to meet face-to-face the owner of the world's finest collection of United States transportation tokens.

Following the meeting, four of us--Dan DiMichael, Harold Ford, Larry Edell, and your Editor, decided to visit Rockefeller Center in search of the elevator tokens which, according to page 75 of the April Fare Box, were supposed to in use in that building's tower elevators. We were informed by the girl in the information desk, however, that those brass tokens have not been in use for many years. So we were a little incorrect on that one, and the tokens are pretty hard to come by. So, with no elevator tokens in our pockets, we wended our way through the deep canyons of

Manhattan and visited a large coin show and auction then in progress. (At this point I owe some gratitude to Larry Edell, who is one of the few A.V.A. members born since The Fare Box was first published. He lugged a very heavy box of tokens for Associate Editor Ford for many arduous blocks.)

At the coin affair, after seeing an 1875 three dollar gold piece sell in auction for $25,000 (I've got dozens of tokens rarer than that thing, in my own collection!), we made the rounds of the bourse tables. Harold found one dealer with a Honolulu hula girl token (ordered and intended to be used as a school token in 1951, but for some reason--maybe the hula girl shocked parents--it was never placed in use). It had a $25 price tag on it, but Harold swapped a couple of Tyson tokens (NY 630 Q) for it. The same dealer also related that he had a new variety of the N. Mechanicsville Turnpike token (see Va 535 A) at home. Dan DiMichael has since purchased it, and it will be listed next month, probably.

The night previous to the NEVA meeting in New York, your Editor, and Harold Ford, were the guests of Secretary Don Mazeau in his Clinton, Conn., home. Harold displayed for us some of the tokens he had picked up on his auto trip across the country, including a couple of extremely rare ones, and a new variety of the Hinsdale, Ill., toll road token. At Hinsdale he had lunch with the man in charge there, and inveigled the toll road commission out of a few of their tokens, which were sold to him on condition he also buy several boxes of junk tokens that had been tossed into the hoppers.

After the NEVA meeting, Harold came to Boston and spent a few days with the Editor before heading back to California via Williamsburg, Virginia, and Washington, D.C. (where he tried unsuccessfully to get some of those plastic GSA tokens). In Williamsburg, he was married to a young lady from Berkeley who had flown east to meet him--this information came from Don Edkins, who long-distanced the Editor the day it happened. So the roster of bachelor vecturists continues to diminish.

A subject that has been giving us increasing concern of late involves those "tour" tokens issued by various coin clubs. We started the business ourselves in the A.V.A. when we issued one for a sightseeing tour in connection with our Seattle convention in August, 1962. Then a set of three different colors of aluminum tour tokens were issued in connection with the Detroit convention of the American Numismatic Association in 1962, as well as a few struck in German silver for the privileged few (they let the A.V.A. have 13 of them for distribution to our own privileged few, so we can't complain--see Mich 998 L). Then we issued a couple tour tokens for our 1963 AVA convention at Denver, and another one for the Harrisburg convention in 1964. Then last Fall the New England Numismatic Assn. convention in Boston issued a pair of brass "tour tokens" as well as a few in sterling silver, again for the privileged few. Then just recently a coin convention at Chicago issued <u>five</u> more "tour tokens," two of which are said actually to have been used, and three others were just for the fun of it, I guess. Now most recently, they had a historic tour in connection with a coin club gathering at Yakima, Wash., and they had one of those "wooden dollar" things for it.

Now we all agree that these "tour tokens" are artificial "made-tokens," but we have been listing them if they are made available to our New Issues Service at a reasonable price. Some collectors may not want to keep them; that's their privilege. But we figured some sort of record of their existence ought to be kept, and our catalogue seems the logical place for it.

But we've got to draw the line somewhere, and the Catalogue Committee has decided to draw it just this side of the wooden things. We will <u>not</u> list wooden nickels or wooden dollars which were used as "tour tokens." So the Yakima, Wash., wooden dollar will not be listed, or recognized in any way by us. They offered the New Issues Service a supply of them at $1.00 apiece, and since they cost probably less than a dime each to make, we thought that was excessive, and turned them down. As for the metal ones, if they are actually used, we'll list them providing there are no artificial rarities, and they are offered to us at a <u>small</u> mark-up over actual manufacturing cost. As for the off-metal stuff struck for the privileged few, in the next Catalogue we'll have a special page for that stuff, and call them "so-called patterns," with an explanation about each one. We are <u>not</u> going to let anyone finance his coin club meeting by selling "tour tokens" to us at high prices.

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So the only contest will be for Vice-President and Curator. Ballots will be mailed out with the June issue of The Fare Box to all members, and results will be tabulated at the New York Convention in August. The ballots will list only the two contested positions. Write-in votes are not permitted under the A.V.A. Constitution, so the President, Secretary, and Treasurer, will be automatically reelected to serve another year.

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= MAY NEW ISSUES SERVICE REPORT =
By John G. Nicolosi

On their way to you this month are 3 new issues: Ky 560 F, first used July, 1963; Cal 395 H, which is 395 F plated for a fare raise on Dec. 4, 1964 (it's a school token) from 10/$1 to 10/$1.50. The 395 G is still in use as an adult token, selling at 3/80. Adult cash fare is 30¢. The third token is a foreign one for those on my foreign list. It is from Istanbul, Turkey, unlisted to date. See Joe Kotler's story in the January Fare Box (where, he tells us, he made a mistake; the token should be listed as center holed, not solid. Our thanks to Mr. Kotler for making these available to us. Those on my foreign list will receive more foreign tokens in the near future.

This month we welcome Mrs. Maudie Varner to the New Issues Service. We are limited at present to 100 members; if you wish to be on the New Issues Service, write and asked to be placed on the waiting list. As those who are in arrears are removed, those on the waiting list will be moved up to replace them.

= NOTES ON A SPRING TOKEN-HUNTING EXPEDITION =
By Donald N. Mazeau

John Coffee has asked me to write a few words about my trip to Tennessee and I am happy to do so, but there is not much to tell except for my exceptional luck in Lewisburg, Tenn., with the Bills Transfer tokens, about which there is a story elsewhere. I did manage to pick up a few good tokens, but nothing which I would call scarce or rare.

After leaving home the first stop was Easton, Pa. I have been there three times before and found nothing; this time was no exception. The first night was spent in Gettysburg, Pa., and after visiting the battlefield and other sights I was able to find one of the Gettysburg Electric Railway tokens. This is a rather scarce token, but I did not believe that it was worth the $50.00 the owner was asking. Luckily the token is already in my collection so I didn't feel too bad.

The next day found me in Marietta, Ohio, looking for Ohio 5]5 A and B. The bridge token listing is a little dubious to me, as the bridge company owned many bridges and ferries along the Ohio River and the token could have been used at any one of three or more points: St. Marys, W.Va.; Marietta; or Parkersburg, W.Va. I had written to Marietta before and drawn a blank and the trip did not seem any more promising. I would be pleased to hear from anyone who has some positive information. The next stop was New Lexington, Ohio (see listing in Jan & Feb 65 FB). Editor Coffee and I had each obtained a token from there via mail on a partnership basis, but I was looking for more and was curious to see the town. A visit to the Central Hotel and the site of the livery stable produced nothing and it seems that both tokens will remain very rare. Next stop was Logan, Ohio, in search of the W.L. Gage Transfer Line token. The town has been well searched by other collectors and I was only able to find the hotel, now a tire shop, and the adjacent livery stable, now Tansky's Garage and Used Car Lot. Turning southward to Nelsonville I visited the Dew Hotel. They had a hack line but there was no sign of tokens and not wanting to waste too much time on a wild goose chase I hurried on to Athens, Ohio. In Athens I visited with Mr. Sam Warren, son of the founder of Warren Bros. and Athens Transfer Co. He is 87 years old, and first drove the hack when he was 12 years old (1890). He recalls the tokens and remembers when 1,000 were delivered from the manufacturer packed in five wooden boxes of 200 each. He remembers because he had to open the boxes and count them. The tokens were used for local residents as well as hotel-to-depot operations. Athens was and still is a college town with plenty of city traffic. The Bower Bros. operated in competition at the same time and Mr. Warren recalls that the tokens from Bower were accepted and every once in a while the two companies would exchange tokens. Somewhere in the Warren Home there is a box of 25 or so of the tokens. He remembers packing them away a few years ago, but we were unable to locate them just then. He promises to send them along when and if...

While in Athens I had a chance to research the token listed as Athens R'y Co. (Ohio 35 A) and I can find absolutely no trace of such a company. On my return home after checking with Ralph Freiberg, I am almost certain that this token would more properly be listed from Athens, Georgia. The Poors Directory for 1904 lists such a company, with that name, in Athens, Ga., but not in Athens, Ohio.

The next step worthy of note was Nashville, Tenn. I spent 2 days there and found nothing. The treasurer of Nashville Transit, Mr. Hamilton, says that when he assumed office in 1948 he "threw all those old plastic tokens in the river." There was no sense in cluttering up the safe with that kind of junk. So I guess that a lot of the scarce Nashville tokens will never turn up in quantity. One interesting aspect of my stop there is the report by one dealer that he had seen a horsecar token used in town that had been brought in by someone offering it for sale. I suggested he might mean a Jackson, Tenn., horsecar token, but he insisted it was from Nashville, as he had examined it closely and offered to purchase it but the offer was rejected.

After Nashville and Lewisburg I didn't do too much looking except an occasional stop at a coin shop along the way. I had intended to do some looking in Knoxville, but as time was running out and we had some visiting to do I decided to let it go for another visit. I did notice on all my stops that people are more aware of token values and it is getting much more difficult to get the good ones as reasonable prices.

= THE DONKIN BUS SERVICE =

By Jack Stephens

The Donkin Bus Service began in 1934 when Mr. Nello Tomado operated a jitney service between the communities of Dominion No. 6 and Glace Bay. Dominion No. 6 was the name of the Coal Colliery in that area, and the community that grew up around it later was called Donkin. The sole conveyance of the jitney service was a truck, and its purpose was to carry miners to their jobs in the Glace Bay area. In 1937 the service was expanded. A station wagon was added, and the operation was known as the Dominion No. 6 Bus and Taxi. In 1939 a franchise was obtained, and the Donkin Bus Service was born. A 21-passenger bus was added, and the 20 cent fare established in 1937 remained in effect. By 1941 a second bus was added, and the first Donkin Bus token was introduced (Nova Scotia 200 B). This first token was a maroon fibre composition, round, and measured 20mm in diameter. Fibre was used because of the shortage of metal. Metal restrictions eased, and in 1943 a brass token also 20mm, was introduced. It was a short-lived item because it was easily confused with regular currency. The company then introduced a 26mm brass token, which continued in use until 1960, when the business was sold.

The owner of the Donkin service successfully bid for the Sydney-Glace Bay route of the bankrupt Cape Breton Bus and Tramway. This was in 1957, and the new company was called the Glace Bay Bus Service. The tokens of the defunct Cape Breton Bus and Tramway were used, and when the same company purchased the Moncton Transit Limited (New Brunswick) in 1962, the same tokens were used for a short time.

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= THE EARLY INLAID STREETCAR TOKENS =

By J.M. Coffee

An interesting group of old streetcar tokens, issued in the 1880's and 1890's, are the inlaid tokens--that is, tokens struck on planchets of two different metals, one metal pressed into the other. See Plate XI in the 1963 Catalogue, Mich 845 A, for a good picture of one. There are just 13 varieties of these listed from the U.S. in our Catalogue, but one variety is simply a pierced example of another (Mich 525 B) so there are really only 12 of them. The Editor has all but the Ia 850 I, the only example of which is owned by Harold Ford. It was offered to me first, but thinking it was 850 J, I passed it up, unfortunately.

Six of them are aluminum with copper letters or star in the center, and five are copper with nickel letters or stars in the center. One, the manufacturer's sample (MS 15 A) is made of white metal with a copper disc in the center with a monogram on the disc.

The rarest of them all is the Sioux City token, followed by SC 310 A. SC 310 A was formerly unique, owned first by Harry Porter and then by the Editor, but since then a member down in Charleston has found one. After that in rarity come two of the Saginaw, Mich., ones (A and B). The Allentown, Pa 15 E was once extremely rare, but in the past few years a very large quantity of them has come forth, and it is now the commonest of all the inlaid tokens, followed by NY 695 A. In spite of being the most familiar of the group, the Pa 15 E is the most interesting, because it has a double inlay. The copper A is inlaid into the aluminum token, and then an aluminum wedge is inlaid into the copper A, to form the letter. Those who do not own the token will find it pictured on Plate XVII of the 1963 Catalogue.

The Manufacturer's Sample is quite interesting of itself. Probably the oldest manufacturer's sample, it is not just like any token we know of. There is only one of them known, and I bought it from a coin dealer in Boston ten years ago. It is pictured on Plate XX of the 1958 Catalogue.

Aside from MS 15 A, the tokens are all similar to each other, and probably all came from the same manufacturer. One wonders who it was. Some Canadian tokens of more recent vintage are also inlaid, from Guelph, Ont., and Hull, Que. Their workmanship is decidedly inferior, indicating another manufacturer. In any case, they are an interesting group of tokens, and they stand off in a group by themselves.

= NEW FINDS =

Robert Dewey leads off this month with the find of Mich 680 B, of which only about five specimens are known. He picked it up, he says, at a coin club meeting from a collector-dealer who was present.

Gerald Johnson, one of our most active and successful token-finders, reports he has picked up Wisc 420 A in uncirculated condition, but that his token is 2mm larger than 31mm as the token is listed, but exactly like the picture on Plate XVIII in the 1958 Catalogue. I checked my token, and 31mm is correct for it. So Gerald may have a token struck on a larger planchet. In any case it's a very rare token and a very nice one. Gerald also reports he has discovered still another variety used on the old Sturgeon Bay Bridge.

One of the nicest finds was made by Sam Rabinowitz, Ohio 175 A, the Citizens Stage Line token in vulcanite. Until Sam's good fortune, the only specimen of the token known was in Mort Dawson's collection. Sam writes us about his find:

"No, it wasn't discovered in some coin dealer's five for 25¢ junk box, or connived from a little old lady who hadn't the slightest knowledge of its value. Rather, a non-vecturist token collector friend of mine called up and told me that the piece was in his possession and was mine when I had something that he needed. It was as simple as that. The trade was by no means one-sided. I gave up an almost unique piece of Sutler scrip from Colorado Territory and received the Ohio 175 A in return. (Whether or not the Citizens Stage Line really originated in Cleveland will be the basis of a forthcoming article in The Fare Box.) This wasn't the only census token I've acquired in this manner...and it won't be the last. In the long run I've found that it pays to be fair and not try to take advantage of other token collectors. One way or the other, I've always profited as the above illustration will prove. As far as its being a spectacular "find," I can't compare the acquiring of this one token with those I bought in the winter of 1963. In that deal, which took over six months to complete, I got the "junk" out of a famous cabinet that was disposed of over 40 years before. This "junk" included Iowa 310 B, 850 B, NJ 290 D, Pa 525 M, 585 A, and Tenn 690 C. This was a find."

Don Mazeau, as reported last month, came up with two Tenn 490 A tokens on his trip down that way. He tells about it, as follows:

"I recently visited Lewisburg to search for the tokens issued by the Bills Transfer Co. and to get some historical information about them. We have always assumed that the name "Bills" on the token was a first name and perhaps this is why the tokens have remained so rare. Actually, the person who operated the line was named Newton Bills. One old timer who remembered Mr. Bills recalls that the line was operating in 1898; he is sure about that date because the livery stable was next door to the saloon and Marshall County has been dry since 1898. The line operated between the Louisville & Nashville RR depot and the Stillwell House, a distance of about one mile. Mr. Bills sold the line in 1916 to a Morgan Burt who motorized it shortly after purchasing it. I was unable to locate any direct descendants of Newton Bills, but I did locate the daughter of Morgan Burt. She was only a young child at the time her father bought the line and did not recall any tokens. I was very fortunate to locate the man who was the ticket agent at the depot at that time when Mr. Bills was operating. He is now well past 80 but he did have two tokens which he had saved, and he sold them both to me. One is in perfect condition, the other slightly damaged, and a different die variety! There may be more tokens there, but after four hours work and two in my pocket I did not wait around to look for them. I would say that Lewisburg and some of the other towns along the L & N line to the South are well worth a visit. There are not many collectors living in the area, and I suspect more depotels will be found in the future. Good luck!"

Finally, Marie Johnson went through West Elizabeth, Pa., on her trip back to Michigan from New York, and in that little town she found four of Pa 965 H! Now that was a haul! (They've already been traded off by now.)

= AN INVITATION FROM CALIFORNIA =

At their March meeting, members of the California Association of Transportation Token Collectors reaffirmed their desire to host next year's A.V.A. convention in Southern California. Robert Ritterband, past club chairman, had previously been named to study possibilities for such a conclave.

By 1966 it will have been 7 years since vecturists held an A.V.A. convention in California, in which interval many changes of great interest to the transportation-minded have taken place. A most likely spot for the convention would be the world-renowned Disneyland area. A major attraction now is the two and a half mile monorail, which is not just an amusement ride but the regular transportation between the hotels and the park. It is understood that special tokens are a real possibility for conventioneers, according to Ritterband's report. The horsecars running through the Disneyland streets are another likely source for new tokens, and maybe some of the amusement rides also.

Nearby is the famed Knott's Berry Farm, in whose Ghost Town an ancient narrow-gauge Denver, Rio Grande & Western train operates daily. At Palm Springs there is a new aerial tramway which in a matter of minutes carries passengers on a vertical ascent of nearly a mile from the desert floor to the 8000-foot mountain heights. Also out that way is the Orange Empire Trolley Museum, for any "juice fans."

Mr. Ritterband mentioned also that the world's largest movie studios, at Universal City, have recently opened to the public for the first time in history. There is a two-hour tram ride and tour here, giving ample opportunity to see popular personalities in every phase of their fascinating work. Another unique ride is the Angel's Flight, a 60-year-old two-block-long, hill-climbing inclined plane in downtown Los Angeles. At each of these places there is good chance for souvenir tokens if plans can be completed far enough ahead.

As a possibility for the annual banquet, preliminary talks have been held with Santa Fe Railroad officials. Fred Harvey dining car service can be offered on their Super Chief, as the train speeds eastward on its evening run towards Chicago. The conventioneers would detrain at San Bernardino, Calif., in time to catch the westbound Chief, for a pleasant social hour while returning to Los Angeles. If confirmed, this event would certainly be unique in A.V.A. activities!

Surely in every way, fellow collectors are promised a gathering long to be remembered for learning and for fun. The latest annual roster shows that now there are 52 A.V.A. members in California, more than one of every eight people in the Association. On behalf of each of them, the Executive Board will again be asked at its next session to accept an invitation for the 1966 Convention from California.

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= 47th AND 48th MEETINGS OF CALIFORNIA GROUP HELD IN LOS ANGELES =

The 47th meeting of the California Association of Transportation Token Collectors was held March 14 aboard the private railroad coach "Golden West" in the Santa Fe RR yards in Los Angeles. A record 16 members and 12 guests were present, those on hand being Atwood, Carter, Cutler, Gallagher, Gould, Crusen, Kubach, Marvin, Miller and his daughter, Ritterband, Roselinsky and his son, Ken Smith and his wife and son, F.G. Smith and his wife, Elaine Willahan and son and family. Welcomed into the club were two new members, Mr. James Dunlap of Los Angeles and Mr. Norman Sherman of Santa Barbara, who was accompanied by his wife. The get-together and meeting centered around the A.V.A. election and convention discussion, and closed after token trading and touring of the private car.

The 48th meeting of the same group was held May 2 at the Ontra Cafeteria in Los Angeles, with 11 members and 3 guests present. Discussion centered around convention news, membership rosters, and other hobby interests, and concluded with token selling and swapping. Mr. Edrick Miller and his wife Pat graciously invited the members to hold the July 10 meeting at their home in Costa Mesa, and this kind offer was accepted by one and all.

- George Gould, Chairman.

= NEW ZEALAND TRANSPORTATION TOKENS: A SURVEY =

By J.M. Kotler

(continued from page 73 - April, 1965)

PART THREE: THE QUEEN STREET WHARF, AUCKLAND

The beautiful city of Auckland lies on an isthmus separating two great harbors. On the south is Manukau Harbour opening to the Tasman Sea, and on the north is the famous Waitemata Harbour facing the South Pacific. Queen Street, named for Victoria, is the principal business area, and at its foot is the major wharf on Waitemata Harbour. Several old tokens for the wharf exist inscribed "TOLL 6 PENCE". I was always curious how these were used, and now my friend Harry A. Robinson explains:

> "In the early days when wagons were taking their goods to the wharf they had to use a rough bridge and pay a toll for doing this. Rather than paying money in those days out of their own pocket or cash being given them with the hotels [licensed bars] being so close, merchant exporters bought these discs from the Harbour Board in lots, and every time the trucks went on the wharf their office would give them one or more of these to pay the toll....These were originally made by the Auckland Harbour Board of those days, but I have tried checking up on it, but of course these records go back 80-90 years and I got no results."

In making the tokens the Harbour Board chose to adopt local currency in a quite unusual manner. Copper tradesmen's tokens, the contemporary circulating money, were smoothed down on one or both sides by machine. All specimens examined show similar concentric friction scratches. The smoothed discs were then die stamped to produce an incuse impression. Evidently it was a single die for the whole side, not individual letter punches, as pieces examined show identical shape and spacing of letters and words. Sometimes smoothing and stamping was only done on a single side, the reverse thus being that of the original merchant's token. Some pieces were centerholed, probably for stringing on a wire or cord. I believe this is the only known instance a transportation token has been made in this unusual adaptive process, though it is not unknown for emergency coinage. Sutherland records examples made from both penny and halfpenny merchant tokens, but only the smaller size has been seen by this author. Those actually observed or directly reported are as follows:

AUCKLAND 100

		QUEEN STREET WHARF AUCKLAND TOLL 6 PENCE (INCUSE LETTERS)
D o K	28 Sd	(same as obverse)
E o K	28 Ch	" " "
F o K	28 Sd	New Zealand 1858 ("Justice" seated on bale)

These three pieces, respectively, repose in the cabinets of the Dixson Library, Sydney; a private collection, Auckland; and the author's collection. The reverse of the last token was used by both the issues of Thomas Spencer Forsaith, a Queen Street wholesale and retail draper, and H. Ashton, also of Queen Street, a tailor and importer of haberdashery. William Joseph Taylor of London and Melbourne is thought to be the diesinker for this artistic reverse.

The flour milling firm of Thornton Smith & Firth was on Quay Street on a tongue of land reclaimed from the sea near the Queen Street Wharf. Making frequent crossings onto the wharf, this firm found it convenient to strike their own tokens, which their drivers would present to the toll-keeper at the bridge, a Mr. Russel. After an accumulation was at hand, Russel would present the tokens at the firm's offices and receive a cheque in return. This aided bookkeeping of bridge tolls, and relieved the necessity of buying the pieces made by the Harbour Board. The descriptions of the two Thornton Smith & Firth tokens follow:

T S F SIX PENCE (INCUSE LETTERS)
G o K Ov Sd (blank) [40x32mm]
T S F
H o K Ov Sd (blank) [40x32mm]
[Thornton Smith & Firth, flour millers. Used on the Queen Street Wharf toll bridge.]

It appears the Entrican collection in the Auckland War Memorial Museum contains two similar pieces of larger size, but their exact dimensions are unknown at present. All pieces are crude, being made by merely stamping letter punches on copper sheet.

Australasian Tokens & Coins by Dr. Arthur Andrews records under "Surcharged Tokens" as number 1010, "AUCKLAND TOLL GATE 6d. QUEEN ST. on copper blank, 31mm." The preface of this book states, "This book was intended in the first place to be a catalogue of the Australian tokens and coins in the Mitchell Library. Its scope was enlarged to include descriptions of all known varieties, with a brief historical introduction." Apparently number 1010 was in a private collection, as the Library reports no trace of such a piece today. An "AUCKLAND TOLL GATE" token would obviously be within the boundaries of this paper, but we can hardly give it catalogue status with its present whereabouts unknown. Perhaps it is one of the normal Queen Street Wharf pieces listed earlier, just the product of poor copying by Dr. Andrews. However, the 31mm size, being between the penny and halfpenny, would indicate a completely different type. This enigma is left to Australasian sleuths.

So ends the story of the bridge at the Queen Street Wharf. We have five different known tokens and a good possibility of a few more. They passed from use before the turn of the century, but live on as crude reminders of trade in the early days of a South Pacific harbor, when clipper ships plied the sea lanes.

PART FOUR: OTHER MISCELLANEOUS CLUES

The first three sections of this paper dealt with tokens definitely relating to transport, and those listed were actually seen by the author or reported with rubbings from reliable sources. Varying sizes and types in the same series, which are only known from literature, have been mentioned pending verification. They will be duly listed when the actual pieces are located and reported.

We now come to an area of recorded tokens, whose relation to transportation is questionable or whose existence is doubtful. The status of these pieces bears further investigation and they are called to the reader's attention for this purpose.

Dr. Andrews describes as number 1227, "TREGEA on zinc blank." Sutherland lists a whole series of uniface, incuse stamped, zinc discs from Nelson. His number 163 is "Tregea, John, Tramway Co." He attributes most of these zinc pieces as currency checks issued by brewers, bakers, butchers, plumbers, and tinsmiths. Two identical pieces in the Dixson Library are as follows:

TREGEA (INCUSE)
Z 31 Sd (blank)

The fact that these are from Nelson has been confirmed, but their association with the tramway is uncertain at best. The history of the Nelson tramway is well documented and there is no evidence showing a Mr. Tregea with the company. The horsecar line operated from May 7, 1862, until June, 1901, when the city council couldn't afford electrification and the line was dismantled on June 26, 1901. The mile-long trackage ran from the port to the center of the city and was the first public passenger street railway in New Zealand. Mr. S.J. McKenzie of the Nelson Institute Museum describes the Tregea family as being associated with a hotel and ironmonger's shop. He states that, "One of them could possibly have leased the tramway at one time, but I cannot find any reference to this, although other lessees' names are mentioned." For this piece to be included in our listings, we shall have to have further proof of relations between Tregea and Nelson's "Port Bus," as it was often called.

Number 1194 in Dr. Andrews' work is a stamped "R R C on a sizpence, filed smooth." The Dixson Library describes this as "Attributed on unknown authority to

The Rocks Road Committee, N.Z." Obviously greater evidence is required....Other discs stamped "W. PLANK" (the Dixson Library) and "RR" (Nelson Institute Museum) could be connected with transport, but could hardly be justified for listing without more light on their origin. Like many American tokens with a letter or two stamped on them and a good story or rumor to go along, it seems unlikely their true nature will ever be revealed. For all we know they could be betting receipts from kiwi races.

Mr. A. Hamilton in the *Colonial Museum Bulletin* (1905) writes on "New Zealand Tokens." The following appears on page 54:

> "After having had the opportunity of inspecting a fine collection of tokens belonging to Mr. Entrican of Auckland, I can add two additional tokens to the list: Crowther,Parnell and Newmarket; a token issued on a line of omnibuses about 1875; two specimens are in Mr. Entrican's collection; halfpenny size, but probably representing a larger amount. Auckland Ferry Company: This company is said to have stamped defaced coppers with some letters and used them in the ferry service; I have not yet seen these."

Thus Mr. J.C. Entrican pops up again, 35 years before his mention in the Auckland *Sun* as "Auckland's authority on numismatics." The tokens of William Crowther were dealt with in Part Two. Our concern here is the piece mentioned for an "Auckland Ferry Company." No later record of such tokens has ever been found, and the above could merely be a misinterpretation of the Queen Street Wharf pieces. Perhaps the wharf tokens were also good for a Waitemaita Harbour ferryboat. Inspection of the Entrican Collection as cited previously should render some answers.

In conclusion let us review the status of New Zealand transportation tokens today. The twin island dominion of the South Pacific provides us with nine definitely verified fare tokens. Eight were used in Auckland in the latter half of the 19th century and can be classed as rare. A modern tramways piece from Dunedin has been obsolete for a quarter century and would rate somewhat scarce. Of the eight older pieces, three were for private omnibus lines, and five others paid passage over a harbor wharf bridge. Only two of the 19th century items were die struck similar to coinage, the other six being roughly stamped incuse on copper. The modern tramway piece is of aluminum and quite thin, but is die struck with fine design.

It must also be mentioned that several lines of investigation are still open to those in Australia and New Zealand. The primary objective would be a close examination of the J.C. Entrican Collection of Tokens in the Auckland War Memorial Museum, along with any manuscript notes that may be present. This would answer questions on several fronts. (1) What is the size and description of the only known McMillan omnibus token? (2) What other types of Queen Street Wharf pieces exist? Are there any in penny size? Holed or unholed? Stamped on one side or both? What other reverses were left intact? (3) What is the exact size (in millimeters) of the reported larger Thornton Smith & Firth pieces used on the wharf bridge? (4) Does an Auckland Ferry Company token exist, as reported in 1905?

It is hoped this survey will provide impetus for more research in this interesting series. May the time not be distant when collectors will take greater notice of neglected groups like this. These little discs serve as reminders of the hardships and growth of cities through their various systems of transportation. This paper collates the facts regarding New Zealand pieces and offers suggestions for more research, but other cities and countries are of no less interest. Will someone take the challenge of Capetown, Shanghai, and Stockholm? To him I offer my best wishes and sincere appreciation. Collectors and students of the future will not be left in a vacuum.

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The Third European Vecturist Conference will be held Saturday, July 3, 1965, at the residence of Mr. F.J. Bingen - Tollensstraat 11, Capelle a/d IJssel, Netherlands. Vacationing members in Europe are invited. Write Mr. Bingen for more details.

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= PRESENTATION OF LITERARY AWARD TO BE FEATURE OF NEW YORK CONVENTION =

The American Vecturist Association will be seventeen years old this coming Halloween (it was founded on October 31, 1948), and it is rapidly coming of age. We believe it is the friendliest group of numismatists in the world. Our annual conventions are the high point of the year in transportation token collecting, and each year they are getting bigger. This year the convention is to be held August 6-8, 1965, at the Hotel Empire, Broadway & 63rd Street, New York City. If you haven't made your reservations, do so now.

One of the new features of the convention this year will be the presentation of "The Fare Box Literary Award." The idea of such an award was broached at the Denver Convention in 1963 by Joe Kotler, who suggested we call it "The John M. Coffee Literary Award." Modesty forbids, for the time being, the use of this title for it. However, the judging will be entirely by the Editor, inasmuch as he is the only member not eligible to receive it. It will be given to that member who has had published in The Fare Box, in the Editor's opinion, the most scholarly and worthwhile article on transportation tokens. There will also be an Honorable Mention or two, if any articles merit it. The award takes in the August through the following July issues of The Fare Box. This will be an annual presentation.

The convention will also be highlighted by a boat trip around Manhattan Island with the usual special tour token, and there will be a floor auction under charge of our own Larry Freeman. Judging from the extremely high prices realized last year at Harrisburg, collectors would be well advised to submit some good duplicates for the auction. Send lots to Foster Pollack - 1841 Broadway, Rm 808 - New York, N.Y. 10023.

So don't miss this one! If you like tokens you'll love an A.V.A. convention.

= MAY SUPPLEMENT TO ATWOOD'S CATALOGUE =
By Ralph Freiberg

CALIFORNIA

Inglewood 395 (Reported by Gerald Sochor)
INGLEWOOD CITY LINES (BUS)
H WM 16 Bar Good For One Fare I.C.L. (brass-plated) $0.15

KENTUCKY

Maysville 560 (Reported by Robert Singer)
CITY TRANSIT CO. MAYSVILLE, KY.
F WM 16 C Good For One Fare .15

SOUTH DAKOTA

Springfield 890 (Reported by Marie A. Johnson)
McGOLDRICK BROS. FERRY SPRINGFIELD, S. DAK.
A o A 21 Sd Good For 5¢ In Trade 3.50

UNIDENTIFIED (Reported by Byron Johnson)
AMERICAN FERRY. ONE TRIP L.W. WILSON.
97 A 25 Sd (blank)

CANADA - ONTARIO

Windsor 950 (Correct location discovered by Kenneth Palmer)
BORDER CITIES AUTO STAGE LINE
A o B 19 Sd Good For One Fare 15¢ 5.00
B o B 25 Sd " " " " 25¢ 5.00
C o B 32 Sd " " " " 35¢ 5.00
[Formerly listed incorrectly as Texas 530 B,C,D, which should now be deleted from that city.]

= NOTES BY RALPH FREIBERG =

First of all, we have learned who it was that reported Fla 880 E, listed last month. Credit for first reporting that new issue to us goes to GEORGE WYATT.

On the Inglewood, Calif., token: the 16mm and 23mm tokens have been current for some time, but last December 4, 1964, they raised the school fare and plated the 16mm tokens. Even though the token does not mention school fare on it, it has been used as a school fare for some time. School rates are 10 for $1.50 now. This bus also operates into the Los Angeles Airport, and at times I ride it and always ask if they have any new tokens. This year I did not have the opportunity, and they come up with a new one! Mr. Sochor, one of our newer members, has been writing to various companies looking for tokens, and he noted the brass plating. He also has come up with a new issue from Florida which we should list next month. We are coming to depend a lot on active newer collectors to discover the new issues for us.

Robert Singer has come up with a new one from Maysville, Ky. The City of Maysville bought out the Duke Transit in July, 1962, and the following year put out their own tokens (on July 1, 1963). This token has been in use nearly two years, and Mr. Singer learned about it when writing to the company there.

See a story elsewhere in this issue about the Springfield, S.D., ferry token.

Byron Johnson found the Maverick ferry token in Washington State, but we don't have any idea where it is from, or if it is old or current.

The Border Cities tokens are relisted from Windsor, Ontario, in accordance with the indisputable information contained in the article about them in last month's Fare Box. Delete the Laredo, Texas, listings except for A.

I have heard that Niagara Frontier Transit, which operates in Buffalo and Niagara Falls, has discontinued operations in the latter city. A firm from Rochester is now operating in Niagara Falls. What tokens, if any, are currently used in Niagara Falls I do not know. Let us know if you get information about this.

It should be noted that there are a number of tokens which are used across the international boundaries between the United States and Canada, and between the United States and Mexico. Those up north have already been noted and listed. But there are several tokens, currently listed only from Mexico, which were actually used on both sides of the boundary down there. Because these tokens were also acceptable for fare in the United States, the Catalogue Committee has decided that in the Third Edition of the Atwood Catalogue these tokens will be listed as U.S. tokens, with an explanation concerning their international nature. They will also, of course, be listed under Mexico. In this category are a couple of streetcar tokens from Juarez, which were also good in El Paso, Texas; two rare bridge tokens used between Piedras Negras and Eagle Pass, Texas; and a set of four vulcanite ferry tokens used between Nuevo Laredo and Laredo, Texas. There are already listed from Brownsville, Texas, two tokens issued by Mexican firms which were also good in Texas. The old vulcanite ferry token was issued by a ferry owned by the National Railways of Mexico, and the aluminum bus token was issued by a Mexican firm, but used in both Matamoros and Brownsville.

A communication has been received from William Magee of Victoria, B.C., wherein he informs us that B.C. 800 A,B,C, are not being used in Victoria as well as in Vancouver, as it stated on page 31 of the February 1965 Fare Box. The rates are the same in both cities, he tells us, but only paper tickets are used in Victoria, since the fare boxes there are not made to handle tokens.

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= THE McGOLDRICK BROS. FERRY TOKEN OF SPRINGFIELD, S.D. =

When Marie Johnson came across the token listed this month as SD 890 A, we were a little wary of it because instead of the usual wording about being good for passage on the reverse, it said simply "Good For 5¢ In Trade." Before we listed it as a bona fide transportation token, I suggested to Mrs. Johnson that we needed some kind of verification that it was, indeed, used for ferry transportation. Mrs. Johnson then secured publicity in a small newspaper in Springfield, S.D., describing the token and requesting information about it. In due time a letter arrived from the daughter of the man who operated the ferry. The daughter now lives in another state, but still subscribes to the old home town newspaper. Her letter, which verifies the nature of the token, follows:

Dear Mrs. Johnson: I am writing in regard to the article you had in the Springfield Times. I can give you some information about the tokens and also a little history of the ferry boat. Mr father, Patrick McGoldrick, with his brother Tom owned and operated the ferry on the Missouri River between Springfield, S.D., and Nebraska. The boat landing on the Nebraska side was six miles from an Indian town by the name of Santee. They started operating this boat in 1904. My father was a veteran river man, river boat pilot and captain. In 1920 they built a larger and better boat; this boat could carry six teams and wagons and at this time the tokens were given with each fare for return passage. I have no tokens, never realizing some day I'd like one at least for a keepsake. I am very interested in knowing how you obtained this token and would like very much to hear from you.

So there is no doubt that the token was used for return passage on the ferry boat. There are several transportation tokens with wording "In trade" instead of "one fare" or something similar. In striking tokens, the "In trade" reverses were stock reverses, available at lower prices than those which said "one fare" or something specific about transportation. This explains why a few transportation tokens are so inscribed.

- J.M.C.

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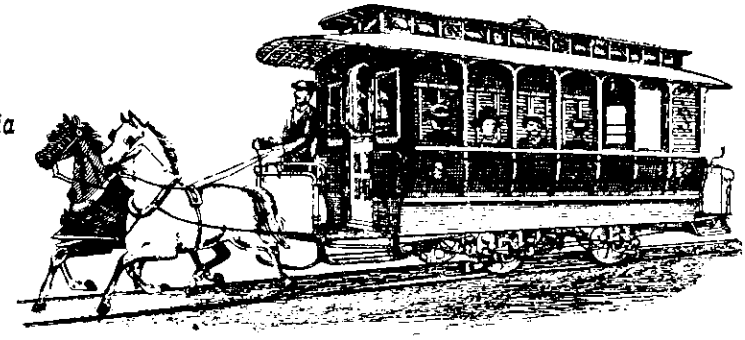

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Together with this issue A.V.A. members will find their pink official ballot for the election of officers. It is extremely important that you use your ballot and vote. All instructions are printed on the ballot itself; please follow them carefully. Remember, the choice is between Heppner and Shafer for Vice-President; and between Bartley and Ritterband for Curator. Opposing candidates are on the same line, so don't end up voting for two people for the same office! They are all good men; whoever wins, the A.V.A. will be in good hands. I suggest you vote now, and don't put it off. The deadline for receiving ballots is August 5. Be sure also to use both envelopes correctly; the two envelopes are provided, in accordance with the By-Laws, to insure secrecy in our voting.

Mr. Charles Palmer - 26 Hanmer St. - East Hartford, Conn. 06108, makes rubber stamps for a living. He offers A.V.A. members something extra special this month: a rubber stamp consisting of the official A.V.A. trolley car seal plus your name, address, and A.V.A. number (all on one rubber stamp) for $2.25, and the A.V.A. will receive a 75¢ commission on each one sold. Or if you just want a rubber stamp of the A.V.A. seal, he will make you one for $1.00, and the A.V.A. will receive a 30¢ commission on each one sold. So here's your chance to get a nice rubber stamp, at a very low price, and help the A.V.A. at the same time. Write Mr. Palmer directly.

The Editor will leave Boston on Sunday, June 27, via railroad for the Far West. After a number of visits along the way, including the annual get-together at Ralph Freiberg's place in San Francisco, I shall arrive in Tacoma, Wash., on July 7, and remain there till the end of August. The July issue of THE FARE BOX will be published in Tacoma about July 20, so make the deadline July 15. It will be a small issue, and only ads offering transportation tokens for sale or trade will be allowed in that one.

Those of you who can make it, take in the big New York A.V.A. Convention at the Hotel Empire August 6 to 8. It promises to be a great one. As for myself, I am looking forward to seeing some old friends at the Seattle Transportation Token Club, whose members are some of the nicest people in the world.

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= PUBLIC AUCTION AT THE NEW YORK CONVENTION =

A public auction will be held in connection with the Annual Convention of the American Vecturist Association, to be held in New York City, August 6-8, 1965. There will be floor bidding, but A.V.A. members unable to attend may mail in their bids and they will be executed for them just as if they were in person. That is, the lots will be purchased at a minimum mark-up over the next highest bid, and not necessarily at the maximum bid. So bid liberally.

Mail bids should be sent directly to Max M. Schwartz - 28 West 44th Street - New York, N.Y. 10036. DEADLINE: AUGUST 4, 1965.

1. Colo 260 P
2. Ind 460 L
3. Ind 460 P
4. Ky 510 BR
5. Ky 510 BT
6. Md 60 N
7. NY 630 V
8. Ohio 10 I
9. Ohio 10 K
10. Ohio 165 A
11. Ohio 175 V
12. Pa 750 L
13. Pa 750 AT
14. NY 630 Ua (I-O, 6mm)
15. NY 630 Ub (I-O, 7mm)
16. NY 630 Uc (I-O, 8mm)
17. NY 630 Ud (I-O, 9mm)
18. Nova Scotia 200 B
19. Ky 85 E
20. Md 60 K
21. Minn 820 C
22. Nebr 800 A'
23. Neb 800 C
24. NY 631 D
25. Pa 320 A
26. Pa 515 B
27. Wash 780 K
28. Wash 970 A
29. Mich 935 Bb-3
30. England 530 AB
31. England 530 AC
32. England 530 AF
33. England 530 AG
34. Germany 480 A
35. Israel (2 different)
36. England 901 D
37 Germany 740 D
38. New Jersey 3850 A
39. INTERNATIONAL NICKEL CO. 1904 St. Louis Expo. so-called dollar KH 323 AU.
40. Italy unlisted TARIFFA NORMALE
41. New Zealand 240 A
42. Chicago Elevated RR lamp check
43. "WE WELCOME THE MILWAUKEE" (locomotive) dollar-size medalet, K-plated.
44. Hungary 100 Ba
45. Czechoslovakia 600 A
46. Scotland 300 BA BC BD BE BF, one unlisted.
47. Germany 390 P
48. France 520 A
49. France 520 C
50. Alabama 560 L
51. Pennsylvania 725 C
52. Pa 725 C (another one)

Bid by the lot, but please indicate both lot number and catalogue numbers or description of material, to help avoid mistakes.

Lots may still be submitted for auction, up until the time of the convention, but they will be strictly for floor auction.

So remember the big A.V.A. Convention, at the Hotel Empire, Broadway & 63rd St. from Friday, August 6 thru Sunday, August 8. Make reservations now directly to the hotel. We have just learned that, in addition to a beautiful boat tour token, there will be a special parking token issued and used by a local garage for the meeting.

= PLASTIC FERRY TOKENS FROM GÖTEBORG, SWEDEN =

By A.C. Hazevoet, Amsterdam (Netherlands)

On page 157 of the December 1964 issue of The Fare Box I described two new tokens which are used for the ferry services connecting Göteborg and the various shipyards on the other side of the river Göta älv.

I wrongly described these new tokens as being in celluloid, though in this age of plastic practically nothing is made out of celluloid; these ferry tokens are in polystyrene plastic, the material which is also used for the modern British tokens.

Recently two more new ferry tokens (also in plastic) were introduced in Göteborg. Therefore I thought it advisable to give a new and revised description of the complete group of four tokens.

GÖTEBORG 240

GÖTEBORGS FÄRJTRAFIK

GA Pr 21 Sd (same as obverse)

GB Pb 21 Sd " " "

GÄLLER ENDAST FÖR FÄRD Å LINJERNA 3.4.5.

GC Py 21 Sd Gäller Endast För Anställda Vid AB Götaverken Får Ej Överlåtas

[Translation: (obverse:) *Only Good On The Lines 3,4,5.* (reverse:) *Only Good For Employees of AB Götaverken Not to be Transferred.*]

FÅR EJ ÖVERLÅTAS GÄLLER ENDAST LINJERNA 3 OCH 4

GD Pg 21 Sd Endast För Anställda Vid A/B Lindholmens Varv

[Translation: (obverse:) *Not to be Transferred Only Good On The Lines 3 and 4.* (Reverse:) *Only For Employees of A/B Lindholmens Varv*]

Additional information will be necessary to understand the difference in value and/or use of the red GA and the blue GB tokens. GC and GD are tokens for employees of the shipyards "AB Götaverken" and "AB Lindholmens Varv."

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= *JUNE NEW ISSUES SERVICE REPORT* =

By John G. Nicolosi

One U.S. and two Canadian and one foreign coming your way this month, to those of you who collect all tokens. First off you will receive Conn 30 A, Branford Electric Railway. Our thanks to Mr. Bill Fyler for making these tokens possible for us. Mr. Fyler was the foudner of the Branford Electric Railway Association, Inc., in 1945. He was also the first committee chairman, the first president, the first board chaiman, and is now a director, quite an impressive list of "firsts." The proceeds of the sale of these tokens will go for railroad ties.

Second you will receive two very nice LARGE tokens from Canada, from Calgary's Heritage Park. Mr. Donald M. Steward made these available to us. It took quite well over a year to get them but we finally did. These are very handsome tokens; I think you will agree when you get yours. Mr. Steward has an article on these elsewhere in this issue.

Last, to those who collect foreign, another token from Scotland, not yet listed. It is from Aberdeen, 30 CF or CN. Will be one of those two numbers. Thanks again to Joe Kotler for obtaining them for us. He informs me that more foreigns are going to be available in the near future.

This month we welcome another member to the N.I.S., Mr. Olivier St. Aubin.

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An ancient trolley car decorated in plush Victorian style, mounted on a truck chasis, is used now in Utica, N.Y. It carries visitors touring the Utica Club Brewery from the bottling plant to the tour center, a distance of 1½ blocks. Over 200,000 people are expected this year to visit the brewery's "fun-filled" tour center, recently remodeled in Victorian style. Free beer or root beer are provided visitors.

Two-line rubber stamp reading "Metal Tokens Enclosed Please Hand Stamp" or "Tokens Enclosed" size 2 by 5/16 inch. Price $1.25 each postpaid.
Charles H. Palmer - 26 Hammer Street - East Hartford, Conn. 06108

PARKING TOKENS WANTED: Cal 3450 U, 3835 D; Col 3140 A B, 3260 Aa; Ill 3250 E; Ind 3510 A, 3690 A; Ia 3150 A, 3850 A; Ky 3150 A; La 3670 A, 3740 B; Mich 3370 Ga Gb; Miss 3460 A; Mont 3640 B C; Neb 3700 C D; NY 3055 A B, 3240 Cb, 3445 B, 3620 C, 3780 A; NC 3390 C D, 3700 A; Ohio 3070 A, 3165 F, 3175 M; Okla 3330 B; Pa 3360 A, 3450 A, 3510 A, 3750 D, 3930 B; Tex 3050 A, 3340 C D; Va 3580 H, 3660 A; Wis 3890 A; Que 620.
Harold Ford - 1999 Gaspar Drive - Oakland, Calif. 94611

FOR SALE - BEST OFFER: Calif 575 Ab, Oakland Brooklyn & Fruitvale RR Co. horsecar with 8 windows. For trade for tokens of equal value, Ark 975 A B; Tenn 600 I J K; Puerto Rico 640 G H ... that I need.
Roger G. Kimball - Box 42 - South Ashburnham, Mass. 01466

TRANSPORTATION TOKENS WANTED: Mass 50 A, 115 J Q P AB AC AD AE; 135 C; 210 B, 355 D; 505 A B, 550 G L P Q, 630 B C F, 690 A; 740 A, 760 E, 960 A B. Please write. Buy or trade; I have Nevada 100 A B and Mass 45 A B to trade.
George H. Wyatt - Skylark Lane - Lunenburg, Mass. 01462

Few Aberdeen & Rockfish RR tickets & stubs 2 for $1 or with stamped envelope 3 for $1. Make check to Branford Electric RR Assn. (for tie replacement fund) Send to
W.G. Fyler - Drawer #7 - Babson Park, Fla. 33827

TO HIGHEST BIDDER: Alas 300 E G; Ariz 1000 D (check Nov FB 1964 for price realized on this token); Fla 380 O, 860 A; Ia 850 K; Kans 820 A H I; Md 60 AD; NC 630 A; Cal 805 A (original & genuine). For sale, Buenos Aires subway token, $1.25.
John G. Nicolosi - 3002 Galindo Street - Oakland, Calif. 94601

FOR SALE TO HIGHEST BIDDER: Mich 1000 A; Minn 510 A; Wisc 360 A. FOR TRADE ONLY, Ill 460 B; Mich 3060 A; Ont 3950 A. Have many trades.
Edward S. Tetrault - 29725 Baker - Selfridge AFB, Mich. 48045

Ariz 3640 C; released May 25, will swap for 2 parking tokens of your state or 25¢ plus stamped envelope. Exchange parking token want and dupe lists.
H.C. Schmal - Box 5238 - Phoenix, Ariz. 85010

FOR SALE AT CATALOG: Va 600 A B C D, plus stamped envelope. Also for sale, parking token Conn 3305 C at 30¢ plus stamped envelope (profits from sale of this token go toward paying for another picture issue of The Fare Box). Conn 3305 C will be sent out by the PTNIS.
Donald N. Mazeau - P.O. Box 31 - Clinton, Conn. 06413

TOKEN BARGAIN still available - 10 diff. transportation tokens sent for each $1 up to $20 you send me. For example, you send me $15 and I'll send you 150 diff. tokens of my choice. Must be good or I would not be getting repeat orders. Not many of the larger lots can be made up.
Duane H. Feisel - P.O. Box 215 - Medfield, Mass. 02052

WANTED - transportation tokens: singles & collections from Michigan, Alaska, Nevada and other states for cash. Scarce as well as common. Please send me your list.
Howard Breitmeyer - Box 5702 - Detroit, Mich. 48239

TRADE ONLY: Missouri parking token 3910 A for Pa 146 A B C. Mo 997 A B C D for Pa 525 V W Y Z. Ill 600 A for Pa 470 A. Ind 275 A B for Pa 340 A B. Ind 180 A for Pa 255 A. FOR SALE: 100 diff. tokens, my choice, at $14 postpaid.
Michael Super - 4895 Melbourne Road - Baltimore 29, Md.

SEND ME ANY 2 T.T. from WASH., MASS., OR ALASKA, and a self-addressed stamped envelope and I'll return one each of Kans 970 C G and E both wide & narrow "W". Any other 25¢ or above token (Atwood Cat.) gets same trade.
Gilbert Vogel - U.S. Coast Guard - Scituate, Mass. 02332

GOOD DEAL for transportation collectors only! "Business" cards for your hobby. Ready printed, with appropriate wording, suitable for any T.T. collector. Seven lines and illustration. Spaces to write in your name & phone number. Send one token catalogued at 50¢, receive 50 special cards, postpaid.
R.S. Croom - 867 W. 42nd Street - Norfolk, Va. 23508

= ALL AUCTIONS LISTED IN THIS ISSUE CLOSE JULY 8 =

= JUNE SUPPLEMENT TO ATWOOD'S CATALOGUE =
By Ralph Freiberg

CONNECTICUT

Branford 30 (Reported by W.G. Fyler)
BRANFORD ELECTRIC RY. ASS'N. INC. 1945 CONN. 1965 ONE RIDE 50¢
A WM 25 Sd (same as obverse) $0.50

ILLINOIS

Hinsdale 417 (Reported by Harold Ford)
THE ILLINOIS STATE TOLL HIGHWAY COMMISSION
B Bz 29 Bl To Be Used At Unattended Ramps For Official Use Only .50

SOUTH DAKOTA

Miscellaneous 1000 (Reported by Edward Tetrault)
SKROVE BROS. LAND COMPANY KADOKA, SO. DAK., STANLEY COUNTY IN THE /CORN BELT WHERE CORN GROWS.
F o A 38 Sd Good For Carfare When You Purchase Land of Skrove Bros. /Land Co. Kadoka, So. Dak. 3.50

UNIDENTIFIED (Reported by Marie A. Johnson)
BAPT. SEM. ST. RY. CO.
98 A 24 Sd Good For One Half Fare

TIME TABLE TOKENS (Reported by Joseph Allis)
STONINGTON LINE BOSTON TO NEW YORK
T o Ve 32 Sd Leave Boston at 6 P.M. Except Sundays

CANADA - ALBERTA

Calgary 140 (Reported by Donald Stewart)
HERITAGE PARK CALGARY, CANADA H (AXE THROUGH THE H)
A Bz 27 Ch Good For One Fare Child (train) .15
B Bz 33 Ch " " " " Adult " .25

= NOTES BY RALPH FREIBERG =

The Branford, Conn., token will be used on streetcars on the operating street railway museum operated by Branford Electric Railway Museum. Only 1,000 tokens were struck and they will be good at any time the cars are operating this summer. The property is open to the public during July & August every day from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Saturdays & Sundays from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Mr. Fyler will be there personally to welcome any visiting A.V.A. members on the weeks of July 5 to 9, July 19 to 23, August 16 to 20, and probably August 30 to Sept. 3.

Harold Ford discovered the new variety from Hinsdale, Ill., when he visited there last month. The tokens are hard to come by for collectors. The new one is entirely different in letter arrangement from the A token.

Edward Tetrault has a friend who found the South Dakota land token in an antique shop. It is similar in use to other land tokens listed from South Dakota, dating from the 1910 era.

We haven't any idea where the maverick token is from. Presumably the abbreviation is for "Baptist Seminary Street Railway Company," a strange name for a street car company. But the token is very old, and often the old horsecar lines were named after the place where they went. Interestingly enough, the token Mrs. Johnson found has a vertical die break on the obverse.

The Time Table token is like the "I" token, but with a different time on it.

See an article elsewhere in this issue on the Heritage Park tokens.

Not many tokens to list this month, but now that it's warm again, and the boys are out hunting, we hope to have more for the July Supplement. Keep on the lookout for anything new or different in tokens. There are plenty of them out there!

= JUNE PARKING TOKEN SUPPLEMENT TO ATWOOD'S CATALOGUE =
By Duane H. Feisel

COLORADO

Denver 3260 (Reported by James G. Zervas)
FRANKLIN MEDICAL CENTER

B	B 23 Sd	(same as obverse)(wording on 3 lines)	$0.25
C	B 23 Sd	(like B, but wording on one line around edge)	.25

CONNECTICUT

New Haven 3305 (Reported by Donald Mazeau)
A.D. PERKINS CO. 43 ELM ST. NEW HAVEN

C	Pr 32 Sd	Good For 15 Minutes Parking (all letters incuse white)	.25

ILLINOIS

St. Charles 3767 (Reported by Mrs. C.B. Allen)
STATE BANK OF ST. CHARLES PARKING LOT

A o B	23 Sd	(same as obverse)(Vars.)	.25

MICHIGAN

Kalamazoo 3530 (Reported by Harold Ford)
CENTRAL AUTO PARK

A	B 23 Sd	Kalamazoo, Michigan	.25

MINNESOTA

St. Cloud 3730 (Reported by Gordon Wold)
ST. CLOUD, MINN. PARKING TOKEN USE IN FRANKLIN LOT ONLY

A	B 25 Sd	Good For Parking Only	.25

MISSOURI

Maryville 3580 (Reported by Mrs. Allen)
NODAWAY VALLEY BANK MARYVILLE, MISSOURI

A	B 23 Sd	(same as obverse)(Vars.)	.25

a. (Obverse: bottom of VALLEY aligned M-R)
(Reverse: " " " " M-I)
b. (Obverse & Reverse: bottom of VALLEY aligned M-R)

NEW JERSEY

Bloomfield 3060 (Reported by H.C. Schmal)
BLOOMFIELD SAVINGS BANK 30 MIN. PARKING

A	B 23 Sd	(same as obverse)	.25

NEW YORK

Ellenville 3220 (Reported by Mrs. Allen)
VILLAGE OF ELLENVILLE PARKING TOKEN

A	Bz 23 Sd	(blank)	.15

PENNSYLVANIA

Allentown 3015 (Reported by Kermit Streeter)
A.B.E. AIRPORT ALLENTOWN PA. (GATE)

C	Bz 25 Sd	Parcoa Token (gate)(Rev. D)	.25

RHODE ISLAND

Warwick 3880 (Reported by Don Edkins)
RHODE ISLAND STATE AIRPORT

A o B	24 Sd	Parking Token	.50

UNIDENTIFIED PARKING TOKENS (Reported by Backora, Pollack, Schmal)
VICTORIA PLAZA PARKING, INC. 1962

3027 B 19 Sd Park & Shop Free Token

KAHLER-ZUMBRO GUEST PARKING
3028 B 23 Sd (same as obverse)
PIMA SAVINGS AND LOAN
3029 B 25 Sd (blank)

PARKING TOKEN MANUFACTURERS' TOKENS
Group 3004 (Reported by J. Douglas Ferguson)
CINCINNATI PARKING CONTROL (DESIGN)
A WM 23 Sd Parking Token For Use With Cincinnati T-11 Unit

ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS
Tex 3340 B - delete comment in parentheses and add:
a. (surface oxidized black)
b. (unoxidized regular surface)
Tex 3340 C - on obverse, add comma after WORTH,
Va 3580 H - delete comma on obverse after NORFOLK and replace with hyphen (-)

= PARKING TOKEN NOTES BY DUANE H. FEISEL =

Three weeks of travel in May has really put me behind in token matters, but things have gradually been taking shape. I will be away for another three weeks in June, so I ask those who are waiting to hear from me to be patient for a while more.

The parking token listing for this month at least partially compensates for the lack of any new listings in May. The next token listing will appear in the August issue, and it promises to be a very large listing. Additionally, by then I should have had the opportunity to cut the stencil for the long-awaited Parcoa reverse variety listing.

Doctors at the Franklin Medical Center provide the tokens to their patients to permit free exit from a private parking lot. Usage is reported to have started in 1963. At least two different batches of tokens were purchased as is evident from the listings. It has also been reported that without the token, a parking fee of $1.25 is required for exit from the lot.

At A.D. Perkins the previous supply of parking tokens was nearly depleted, so a new batch was obtained in a different color. According to the latest information, the parking rate applicable to the tokens is 25¢, hence the difference in the catalogue value. The A and B tokens should also be raised to 25¢ value.

The State Bank of St. Charles stopped using parking tokens early in 1964 as the site of the parking lot was used for construction purposes while a new building was being erected. While the new building was going up, the bank operated in temporary quarters, and the remaining tokens were either misplaced or discarded. Right now these tokens are quite scarce. An exact description of the varieties that exist for the token will have to await the time when I can personally inspect them. It is reported that one variety has broad letters, and the other has taller narrower letters.

A token or 25¢ is required to enter the Central Auto Park lot. Token use began in 1962. Mr. L.S. Rose, owner of the lot located at 235 So. Rose Street, states that he is willing to sell up to four tokens at 25¢ each to anyone writing. If you do write, be sure to send a stamped addressed envelope.

The Minnesota token has been known for some time, but it has been difficult to obtain information about the tokens. The most I am able to learn is that the Tempo Store issues the tokens to their customers. The Franklin Parking Lot is apparently owned by the City, and tokens used are redeemed by the Tempo Store.

Use of tokens by the Nodaway Valley Bank began in December, 1963. A ticket spitter issues a ticket to motorists entering the bank parking lot. This ticket is exchanged in the bank for a token which permits free exit from the gate-controlled lot.

October, 1963, was when tokens were put into use by the Bloomfield Savings Bank. Use is exactly as above for the Nodaway Valley Bank.

The token validation plan for the merchants in Ellenville, N.Y., is not extensively used. The plan was started for the 1963 Christmas season as the local C of C

sold the tokens to merchants who in turn gave them to customers with a $3 or more purchase. The tokens could then be used in the street parking meters to buy 5¢ worth of parking. The C of C redeemed the tokens from the city to start the cycle over again.

As the token supply at the A.B.E. Airport became low, a new batch was ordered. The standard Parcoa reverse was used this time instead of the special reverse as on the B token. The new tokens were put into use in April, 1965.

When the T.F. Greene Airport in Warwick, R.I. (a community adjacent to Providence) was opened several years ago, the parking lot was gate-controlled. A restaurant in the airport building gave the tokens to patrons to permit free exit from the lot. The gates were used only a short while and then removed to be replaced by attendant operation. I have visited the airport several times in search of tokens, but have not yet located any. A "boxfull" of the tokens is supposed to exist, but the last time I checked they had not yet been located. I fly out of that airport occasionally, so will keep trying.

Can anyone help with the new mavericks? The names of each of the users is sufficiently distinctive that someone should recognize them.

Another token that has been known for some time is the new Parking Token Manufacturers Sample. My letters to the main plant and visits to two sales offices have produced no results in regard to information concerning the token. A possible trip to Cincinnati is in the offing, so perhaps it can be checked then.

For some reason, the Harris Hospital of Fort Worth, Texas, is now also using tokens without the dark oxidized surface.

Members of the Parking Token New Issues Service will receive the following tokens from the listings this month: Conn 3305 C (through the courtesy of Don Mazeau); Mo 3580 Ab; NY 3220 A; Pa 3015. PTNIS members can also obtain Mich 3530 A by writing directly as suggested.

Again, I ask the patience of those waiting to hear from me. Keep the new token reports coming to me, as this work heads the list of things to do for me. Send information to Duane H. Feisel - P.O. Box 215 - Medfield, Mass. 02052.

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= THE HERITAGE PARK TOKENS =

By Donald M. Stewart

For a trip to the 19th Century, visitors to Calgary, Alberta, should enjoy a tour of Heritage Park, located on a lake within the city limits and with a magnificent view of the Canadian Rockies, 50 miles distant. The park is entered through a palisade gate, which opens to view the Hudson's Bay Trading Post, flying its historic flag, an Indian Village and dozens of historic buildings with authentic furnishings, moved here from all parts of Alberta. From the gate, a path slopes to the railway station, which was brought from Midnapore where it served the Canadian Pacific for many years. At the station waits a veteran steam locomotive and four vintage coaches. The engine, built in 1905, had a colorful history with the CPR for over 40 years, before shunting coal cars at the Canmore Mines. Now driven by a retired CPR engineer, the old engine was saved by a "major operation" which converted it from steam to oil. The four coaches it pulls were part of the now defunct Morrissey, Fernie & Michel RR.

While Heritage Park opened in early summer, it was not until August 8, 1964, that the railway began operation over 4,400 feet of track encircling the park. At the suggestion of A.V.A. member J. Douglas Ferguson, tokens were manufactured in the likeness of the old Montreal & Lachine Railroad company tokens. These sold for 10¢ for a child fare and 25¢ for an adult fare and were used during the 1964 season. Now, because of problems in accounting, it seems doubtful whether tokens will be used in the future. We may hope so, however, because interesting tokens have been designed for use on a replica of the steamboat "Moyie" which goes into service shortly for passenger tours of the lake.

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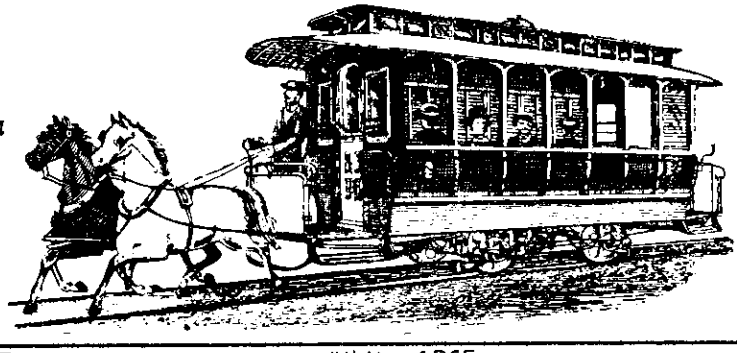

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Death is always an unhappy occasion. It is tragic when it comes to the very young. It is with sadness that I report the death of Paul Jarmann of Oakland, Cal. Paul was only 16, and till this year he was a member of the A.V.A. and very interested in trolley cars. His writing in the Bay Area Electric Railroad Review was scholarly and informative. I met him in July, 1964, and was much impressed by him. He dropped dead one morning while getting ready for school (May 27, 1965), with no previous history of any physical disorders. We shall miss him.

The July issue is always a small caretaker issue. We had to omit a few ads this time because there was room only for those listing transportation tokens. Strangely enough, we have the largest catalogue supplement of the year this month. The August issue will go out about September 10, and it will be a large one again.

The 1965 annual convention of the American Vecturist Association will be held August 6,7,8, in the Hotel Empire, Broadway & 63rd Street, in New York City. Arrangements have been made with the Lincoln Center Park-n-Lock Garage, which is beneath Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts, directly opposite the hotel. If you bring your car to the convention, please be sure to park at this garage, which has entrances on West 62nd Street and West 65th Street, between Columbus Avenue and Amsterdam Avenue. Special tokens, good for $1 in parking, will be made available at a discount at the A.V.A. convention. These special tokens are plastic, blue with white lettering, about 1¼ inches in diameter. But don't write the garage for the tokens; they will be available only at the convention, and not in advance. They will be available through the New Issues Service. This will probably be the largest and most interesting transportation token gathering ever held; we hope members will make every effort to attend.

An important matter to be taken up at this convention will be an increase in our membership dues from the present $3 to $4. We are running a $400 deficit for 1965, and if members wish to continue receiving large issues of THE FARE BOX, and wish to continue the policy of free ads for all in every issue, they are going to have to reconcile themselves to a dues hike. We can continue deficit spending for a few years until the treasury is empty, but the problem will come up again if we try to keep the present low dues. The last dues hike was in 1956, when postage was only 3¢ an ounce. The growth of our association, and of the hobby, depends on our having enough money to pay for this growth.

The Editor will be in Tacoma until the end of August. So until August 26, all mail for THE FARE BOX should be sent to the Editor at 4104 6th Avenue - Tacoma, Washington 98406.

New NM 40 I for 25¢ plus postage to non-members of N.I.S. See info in this issue.
W.A. Whitfield - 110 California, S.E. - Albuquerque, N.M. 87108

HAVE A FEW sets of 20 all-different parking tokens from Western Penna. @ $3 postpaid.
Harry C. Bartley - 7012 Ohio River Blvd. - Pittsburgh, Pa. 15202

FOR SALE - after these are gone there will be no more, as a limited number were struck Vt 150 F G at 30¢ each; Ariz 640 E at $1.05, 1000 B C, 20¢ each. To highest bidder, NC 630 A; Minn 600 A B; Ill 763 A; Ariz 1000 G.
John G. Nicolosi - 3002 Galindo Street - Oakland, Calif. 94601

FOR SALE OR TRADE: one complete set of Shafer zone checks (Pa 997 A thru Q). Half a dozen Pa 525 Z available to swap for parking tokens I need (see want-list last issue) or for cash offers. Also have one each of hard-to-get Ill 3150Y and AG to swap.
Harold V. Ford - 1999 Gaspar Drive - Oakland, Calif. 94611

FOR TRADE: Ark 975 A,B; Mass 45 A; Neb 700 E, 800 D; NH 500 B; NY 230 E, 715 A; Okla 590 D; Tenn 600 K ... to trade for tokens of equal catalogue value.
Roger G. Kimball - Box 42 - South Ashburnham, Mass. 01466

I WILL SELL one lot 129 diff TT's including 3/20¢, 4/25¢, 1/50¢, for $20 postpaid. Have scarce Ohio 3165 A B C E G to trade or sell. Will buy or trade your dupe PT's.
Don Edkins - 120 Stanley Drive - Williamsburg, Va. 23185

FOR TRADE ONLY: Ind 330 B C D E F G H I J K L M. For sale or trade: Kans 450 B, circulated 15¢, uncirculated 25¢.
Lewis D. Withington - 1320 East Tenth - Hutchinson, Kans. 67501

WILL TRADE ONE Ia 300 J for one parking token new to my collection.
C.W. Delk, Sr. - 1329 22nd Street - Des Moines, Iowa 50311

MAIL BID SALE: Colo 860 B; Ill 755 D; Ind 460 H; Md 60 V; NJ 55 A; O 175 Y AA; Pa 515 B
Gerald Johnson - 1921 Chase Street - Wisconsin Rapids, Wis.

QUEBEC 620 R X Z AC and both types 970 A offered in exchange, one for one, for all parking tokens (2 only of 1 variety) or for any transp. tokens I need. I offer $25 each for Ont 100 B C, 475 A B, 700 A B; Manitoba 200 A.
J. Douglas Ferguson - Rock Island, Quebec

SUMMER SPECIAL: for next 2 months I'm offering 50 diff. transp. tokens from at least 30 states which includes 1-50¢ and 4-25¢ items, for $7.50 postpaid. Only 40 available
Roice V. Rider - Route #3 - Lake Odessa, Mich. 48849

100 DIFF. TT's, my choice, $12.50 in Kraft envelopes. Special: 50 diff. TT's for $5. WANTED: foreign tokens (excl. Mexico & Canada) at or below Cat. FOR SALE AT ONE CENT EACH: Calif 450 B and J. You pay postage.
Kenneth V. Hayes, Jr. - 5 Arbor Way - Lafayette, Calif. 94549

BRIDGES AND THEIR BUILDERS by Steinman & Watson, Pp 401, ills, history...$2.00.
EARLY DAY TROLLEYS OF THE EAST BAY by E.C. Hanson, Pp. 40, photos, Calif...$1.00
THE BRITISH TRAMWAY SCENE by J. Joyce, Pp. 32, photos, contemporary status...65¢.
Tokens for sale: Leigh, England set of 3 all unlisted 50¢. Aberdeen, Scotland set of 4, one unlisted, 65¢. Ethiopian Railroad medal $1.50. Darlington, England set of 5 different listed, 75¢. Set of 4 unlisted Darlington 75¢. Nottingham, England send your wants. Unlisted tokens will also be handled by Nicolosi's N.I.S. Postage please! Ill 3150 O, 3 for $1. See you at New York. (paid advt.)
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Norman E. Sherman - 4295 Marina Drive - Santa Barbara, Calif. 93105

TRANSPORTATION TOKENS WANTED: Oklahoma 10 A, 20 A, 70 A B C, 180 A, 190 A B C, 210 A, 280 A B C D, 320 A B, 330 A B C D E F, 380 A B C, 510 A, 570 A, 590 A B, 610 A B, 700 A B C D E, 770 A B C, 800 A B C D E, 810 A B. Please write. Buy or trade; I have Okla 590 C D for trade and other states; send want-list.
George L. King - 2611 Garland Street - Muskogee, Okla. 74401

SUMNER, WASH 860 A and B for sale at $1.25 for the pair plus 5¢ stamped envelope. Offer expires August 25, so write soon if you want them. As many sets as you want.
John M. Coffee, Jr. - 4104 Sixth Avenue - Tacoma, Wash. 98406

= ALL AUCTIONS LISTED IN THIS ISSUE CLOSE AUGUST 10 =

= JULY SUPPLEMENT TO ATWOOD'S CATALOGUE =
By Ralph Freiberg

FLORIDA

Largo 460 (Reported by Gerald Sochor)
PINELLAS COUNTY BELLEAIR CAUSEWAY PEERLESS PINELLAS FLORIDA
/(SUN ON HORIZON)
A B 20 Sd (same as obverse) $0.20

GEORGIA

Athens 35 (Reported by Donald Punshon, as to correct location)
ATHENS R'Y CO.
D o B Oc Sd Good For One Fare 5¢ (23mm) 5.00
(Formerly listed as Ohio 35 A, which should now be deleted)

ILLINOIS

Chicago 150 (Reported by Central States members)
CENTRAL STATES NUMISMATIC SOCIETY ONE FARE BUS TOUR (MAP OF MIDWEST)
ADo A 37 Sd 23rd Annual Convention Chicago 1965 (colored blue) .50
AEo A 37 Sd " " " " " (colored yellow) .50

Miscellaneous 1000
A WM 37 Sd (like AD)(but no color added) .35
B B 37 Sd " " " " " .35
C A 37 Sd " " " " " .35

INDIANA

Michigan City 610 (Reported by Donald Punshon, as to correct location)
CITIZENS STREET RAILWAY CO.
H o A 21 Sd One 5¢ Fare F.H. Root Mgr. 5.00
(Formerly listed as Mich 530 D, which should now be deleted)

IOWA

Denison 290 (Reported by Marie A. Johnson)
HILTON'S TRANSFER. DENISON IA.
A o B 27 Sd Good From Hotels to Depots Only (aluminum center) 5.00

KENTUCKY

Ludlow 520 (Reported by Marie A. Johnson)
LUDLOW TRANSIT INC.
B o WM 21 Sd Bus Line Good For One Fare (wheel with spokes) 3.50

NEW MEXICO

Albuquerque 40 (Reported by W.A. Whitfield)
OLD TOWN STREET R.R. ALBUQUERQUE NEW MEXICO
I A 26 Sd Good For One Fare (streetcar) .25
(Red lettering over an aluminum base color)

TEXAS

San Antonio 810 (Reported by Mary Allen)
KELLY A.F.B. BUS 6
G o Pr 31 Sd (same as obverse) .50

WASHINGTON

Miscellaneous 1000 (Reported by Gordon Yowell)
PIC-SEA BOAT CRUISE TRADE CHIP GOOD FOR 50¢ OFF ONE FARE
A o B 28 Sd Boat Pic-Sea Leaves Franco's Hidden Harbor Restaurant
/1500 Westlake No. Seattle

WISCONSIN

Milwaukee 510 (Reported by Joseph Kotler)
OMNIBUS SOCIETY OF AMERICA ONE FARE (TRACKLESS TROLLEY)
N o B 23 Sd Milwaukee Trackless Trolley Tour 1964 Trip 25 $0.50
(Trip was postponed until the last day of trolley bus operation, June 20, 1965)

Sturgeon Bay 870 (Reported by Gerald Johnson)
STURGEON BAY BRIDGE CO. WIS. ONE FARE
G o B 24 Sd 10 5.00

UNIDENTIFIED (Reported by Ken Bassett and Walter Vredenburgh)
HOGAN & COWAN BUS AND TRANSFER LINE
99 B Sq Sd Good For 1 Ride (24mm)
CITY HACK LINE
100 A 31 Sd Good For 1 Ride

U.S. CORRECTIONS

Ga 240 B,C,D - make it LINE and not "Lines"
Miss 500 A - on reverse it should read: GOOD FOR SCHOOL FARE M
Nebr 700 V,W - make it LINES and not "Line"

CANADA - ONTARIO

Bowmanville 100 (Reported by J.D. Ferguson)
GLOVER'S BUS LINE BOWMANVILLE ONT.
C o A 32 Sd Good For One Trip (Sc) 5.00

Hamilton 400 (Reported by Alan T.C. Weighell)
D.H.O. DIST NO. 4 SKYWAY BRIDGES 1
D B Oc Pc (blank)(35mm)(incuse black letters on obverse) .15
E B Oc Pc (like D, but with "2" instead of "1") .25
F B Oc Pc (like D, but with "3" instead of "1") .45

Norwich 625 (Reported by J.D. Ferguson and Sheldon Carroll)
F. ABRAHAM NORWICH, ONT. BUS LINE
C o B Oc Sd Bus Line Good For One Ride (25mm) 5.00

Ridgetown 775 (Reported by J.D. Ferguson)
RHODY & SON RIDGETOWN, ONT.
C o A Sq Sd Bus Return (23mm) 5.00

Wingham 960 (Reported by John Miner)
WINGHAM BUS LINE J.A. McINTYRE PROP.
A o A Oc Sd Return Trip 25¢ (26mm) 5.00

= NOTES BY RALPH FREIBERG =

The Belleair Causeway is operated, and the tokens issued, by Pinellas County. It extends across the channel separating Belleair Beach on the Gulf of Mexico from the mainland near Largo. The tokens came into use early this year. Prior to that only paper tickets were used for multiple trip sales. The toll is 20¢ cash or tokens at 5 for 75¢. They don't want to sell a quantity to the New Issues Service now, so we may be unable to handle them. Perhaps later on some of our St. Petersburg members will be able to pick up some of them for the rest of us.

We've always had our doubts about the token formerly listed as Ohio 35 A, and now after much research, we have learned that no streetcar operated in Athens, Ohio, except the one that ran to Nelsonville (see Ohio 600 A). We suspected it was from Georgia, and Don Punshon confirmed it for us. The company that issued the token went out of business in June, 1895, when it was taken over by Athens Electric Company.

The Central States Numismatic Society issued 5 tokens in honor of a bus tour they had in connection with their 1965 convention in Chicago. Joe Kotler tells us the colored aluminum ones were actually used on the bus, while the others were simply souvenir pieces. We had a little trouble getting these for the New Issues Service, but finally succeeded. All 5 will be sent to N.I.S. members. They are attractive tokens.

For years I have been looking for the names of officers of any "Citizens Street Railway" in hopes of finding an F.H. Root and thereby the true location of "Mich 530 D." I never looked into an 1892 Poor's Manual of Street Railways, though, but lately our good friend Donald Punshon did. It seems that Frank H. Root was Secretary-Treasurer & General Manager of the Citizens Street Railway of Michigan City, Ind. The firm operated 4 miles of track, had 13 horses and 4 cars. So the token is correctly relisted now.

Marie Johnson found the Denison depotel token in Iowa, but we know nothing of the history behind it. It is the first inlaid metal depotel token we've come across. The aluminum disc, which is inlaid into the brass token, is 19mm in diameter.

Marie found the white metal Ludlow, Ky., token from an old employee of the bus line, who informed her that the white metal tokens were used for a short period, in addition to the brass ones. The WM token's reverse design differs from that of the brass in that the WM tokens have a wheel as part of the design.

In Albuquerque they have a little horsecar now operating as a tourist attraction. The car used is one of the original two that were used on the first horsecar line, that operated around 1885 from Old Town to the Santa Fe Depot. A branch line operated at one time from Railroad Avenue to the Santa Fe shops and apparently was used to furnish labor to the Santa Fe Railroad a few blocks south of what was then called Railroad Avenue. NM 40 A was used on this line. Of course the undercarriage was removed from the old car, and rubber tires substituted, to run on the present streets. Old Town is the original Albuquerque and consists mainly of a plaza and one or two blocks each way off of the square. The car makes trips around this plaza, and in the past has charged 25¢ for each ride. Tom Eichhorst is the operator of the line, which has been going for two years before he consented to use a token. Mr. Whitfield himself made the tokens, and the car pictured on the token is copied after the one in the AVA seal. Tokens went into use June 5, 1965...800 were made and 500 were given to the operator. They are also on sale mounted on a historical card and sold in shops around the plaza. The line is not a profitable venture, after the feed bill for the horses is paid, but the merchants want it to keep running as a tourist attraction.

We know very little about the Kelly Air Force Base Bus token, which Mary Allen reports was discontinued about ten years ago.

Gordon Yowell found two of the "Pic-Sea Boat Cruise" tokens in a Seattle junk shop. John Coffee wrote the restaurant, and Mr. Franco said the boat cruise has not been going for over two years. After a month of searching, Mr. Franco found one of the tokens which he gave to Mr. Coffee. As the token was good only for part of the fare, it is being listed under the Miscellaneous heading for now. We still are uncertain about the actual purpose the tokens fulfilled.

The Omnibus Society had these tokens made for a trackless trolley ride in Milwaukee they intended to sponsor in 1964. But upon learning the trackless trolleys were to be discontinued June 20, 1965, they postponed their trip so it could coincide with that sad event. Hence "1964" is on the tokens, but they were really used June 20, 1965. The trolley bus on the token is an exact copy of the one pictured on the front page of THE FARE BOX, down at the bottom.

There's nothing to say about the Sturgeon Bay token, except that Gerald Johnson does not own it; he got a rubbing from the man who does. And, of course, nothing is known about the two Unidentified tokens, both of which are depotels.

Mr. Ferguson has reported some interesting Canadian tokens. The Bowmanville token is in the collection of the Chateau de Ramezay in Montreal. The Ridgetown token is in the collection of Fred Bowman, formerly owned by Sheldon Carroll. (Flash: this token is now in the Ferguson collection!) Mr. Ferguson believes the Norwich token is of 1910-1918 vintage. Four of the Norwich tokens have been found: one owned by the Bank of Canada Collection; one by Ferguson; one by original owner; one to be made available to Mr. Bowman. They were found by Mr. Carroll on a recent trip to Norwich. He could not find any of the A or B tokens of Norwich. The F. Abraham bus line was founded in 1902. For many years it was horse-drawn, operating between the Norwich Inn, which was

the main hotel in this small town, and the two local railroad stations, both of which were outside the limits of the village. They were known as the East Station and the West Station. The bus line met all passenger trains for a period of about 20 years. The line was discontinued in the early 1920's.

Not much is known about the Wingham token now, but Mr. Ferguson assumes it dates from the 1908-1918 period.

The brass octagonal tokens for the Skyway Bridge at Hamilton are used by trucks owned by the Highway Commission. They were first placed into use in June 1964, and only 300 of each were made. They are used solely to simplify the recording of District #4 trucks by classification as they are processed through the toll lanes. The numbers 1,2, and 3, signify the tonnage, or number of axles, of each truck. Because of the small number made it is not likely these will be available to collectors unless they stop using them, or order more. The New Issues Service won't handle them.

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= APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP =

699 J. OSBORNE HARRIS - 142 ROSSLYN AVENUE SOUTH - HAMILTON, ONTARIO
Age 40; Transportation Inspector. Collects U.S., Canada, Foreign. (Mazeau)
700 EVELYN JACKSON - 1230 GRANDVIEW DRIVE - ASHLAND, KENTUCKY 41101
Age 36; Ticket Agent. Collects U.S. & Parking. (Smolen)
701 JEAN RIENDEAU - CP 1839 - CHIBOUGAMAU, QUEBEC
Age 33; Electrician. Collects U.S., Canada, Parking. (H.D. Allen)
702J MICHAEL JORGENSEN - 525 SOUTH LEXINGTON - HASTINGS, NEBRASKA 68901
Age 14; Student. Collects U.S. & Foreign. (Bolz & Carman, jointly)
703 A.C. SELANDER - 1022 DIVISION - YAKIMA, WASHINGTON 98902
Age 67; Real Estate Salesman. Collects U.S., Canada, Parking. (Yowell)
704 HARRY S. BROWN - M.P.O. BOX 743, c/o GENERAL WAREHOUSE CORP. - SPRINGFIELD, MO. /65801
Age 60; Warehouse Manager. Collects U.S. (Mazeau)
705 ALAN R. FEINBERG - BOX 27 - WINNETKA, ILLINOIS 60093
Age 42; Physician. Collects U.S. & Foreign. (Kotler)
706 MISS ELOISE L. KING - 53 ROBERTS AVENUE - CORNING, NEW YORK 14830
Age 41; Bookkeeper Clerk; Collects all types. (Sherman)

REINSTATEMENT TO MEMBERSHIP:

544 COURTNEY L. COFFING - GIESSEN POST, ARMY EDUCATION CENTER - A.P.O. NEW YORK 09169

CHANGE OF ADDRESS:

Rev. Edward Shemelia - R.D. #1, Box 285C - Farmland, Indiana
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JULY NEW ISSUES SERVICE REPORT
By John G. Nicolosi

This will be the biggest month in the history of the N.I.S.--there will be 23 tokens to send out, both U.S. & foreign, and they will go out in 2 separate mailings. These will be NM 40 I, a modern-day horsecar token; Wisc 510 N; the 5 Illinois tokens listed this month; Denmark 160 D (see write-up & picture of token in July 7 COIN WORLD); then 8 tokens from Istanbul, Turkey, 6 of which were mentioned in the January 1965 FARE BOX plus 2 more recently discovered; then 3 new fibre tokens from England which are not yet listed; then 4 from Darlington, England, which may not go out till August. We thank Joe Kotler for getting all these foreign for the New Issues Service.

We are dropping more members from the N.I.S. now to make way for those waiting to get in. So keep your balance up to at least $5 if you are on the foreign list, and keep it up to at least $3 if you are on the U.S. only list, if you want to stay in.

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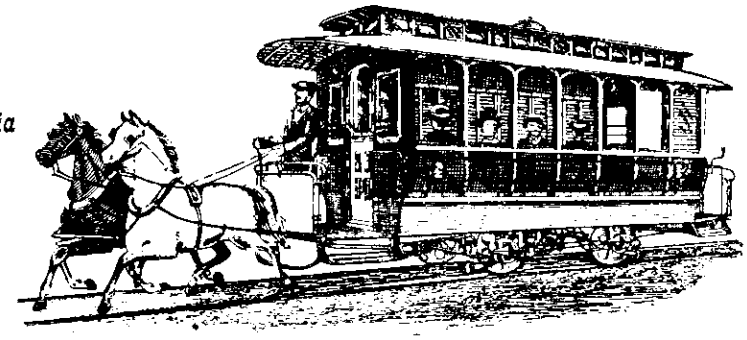

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Here we are again at the old stand, back to our large issues. This "August" issue is being mailed on September 17, and it is right up to date as of September 14 at 2:00 A.M., as I am writing these words. The "September" issue will be out about the 7th of October, so try to get everything in by the 2nd of October for that one. We shall eventually catch up with ourselves...but in any case the news in each issue you receive is up to date regardless of the month on the masthead.

It has been an interesting summer. The A.V.A. Convention accomplished a number of things, including a much-needed increase in Association dues to $4.00, still cheap for what you get. They also helped pave the way for a foreign token catalogue, and passed a proposed constitutional amendment, which does not become effective unless the membership approves it next month, when ballots will go out. A vigorous dissent is recorded within this issue by Brother Mazeau. The full minutes of the convention are also within these pages. One of the most vigorous A.V.A. elections in history went right down to the wire, with a very large percentage of our membership exercising the franchise. Elected were two prominent members, Neil Shafer as Vice-President, and Bob Ritterband as Curator. Mr. Shafer is perhaps the country's leading expert on Philippine numismatics and will bring to us some of his fine scholarship. Mr. Ritterband has been the guiding light behind the active California club, and has an active interest in improving our Association. I believe, however, that a word is in order about the two outgoing officers. It has been an established practise at previous conventions for a vote of gratitude to be taken for outgoing officers, and I am sorry that this was not done at New York. It was, of course, an oversight, because I know I speak for the whole membership--and especially for Bob Ritterband and Neil Shafer--when I commend the fine service rendered us by Clarence Heppner, recently our Vice-President, and Harry Bartley, recently our Curator. Clarence Heppner breathed a vigorous new life in the Seattle Club, and continues to be one of the most active and helpful collectors in Washington State. Harry Bartley, whose fascinating and colorful articles about the Pittsburgh Club have graced many issues of The Fare Box, is one of the most veteran of vecturists. He was collecting transportation tokens before most of us were born, and he is one of the few collectors who can say that they were in the hobby even before Roland Atwood. Such officers as these have made our Association grow from infancy to a proud maturity, and we do not yet say "Well Done!" to these faithful servants, because we expect yet much more from them in the future.

The Editor made his annual trip across the country by rail this summer, so such tokens as I added to my collection came via swaps from other collectors, rather than in the form of new finds. Still, it was profitable, and among other things I added six more depotel tokens, bringing the total of such tokens in the Coffee collection up to about sixty-five.

The annual visit with the collectors in the San Francisco area was delightful. The Editor spent five days as a guest in the beautiful new home of Harold Ford and his wife, with that grand view overlooking the Bay from high in the Oakland Hills... and also a grand view of the rarities in Harold's collection one afternoon in the bank vault with him. A drive down near Santa Cruz and a ride on a little narrow gauge railroad up into the redwood forests was perhaps the highlight of the visit, accompanied by Ralph Freiberg, Harold, and Harold's wife. An interesting drive up into the hills behind Berkeley with John Nicolosi, Ralph Freiberg, and Harold Ford, took us to a little miniature railway, powered by a tiny genuine steam engine. All the way up and back again, Nicolosi kept stopping the car to examine the effluvia of beer cans which grace all California highways. Seems Joe Allis is collecting beer cans, and offered to swap some good tokens to Nick for 100 different beer cans. So every few feet Nick jammed on the brakes, and scoured the sides of the road for new rarities in the beer can field. Never did find which ones were "census," but I think Nick finally got his hundred varieties...nearly falling over a bluff at one point when he went down too far for one unusual label! In such undignified pursuits do the members of the Catalogue Committee while away the time during the summers when the Editor visits them.

In Chicago I was met by Joe Kotler and had a delightful visit in his parents' beautiful home on the North Shore.

Two meetings with the Seattle Club in July and August highlighted my stay in the Puget Sound country.

I learned in a letter from our Walla Walla friend this summer that he had purchased the original dies used to strike the rare Juneau, Alaska, token, Alas 400 A. Gordon assured me, however, that he would guard the dies well. He did have ten restrikes made, but promised to have an "R" incused into each one. We are always worried about the possibility that dies used to make old tokens will get into the wrong hands, because this could be the ruination of our hobby in no time at all.

I also learned the story about the interesting token listed as Wash 1000 A in the July Fare Box. It seems that these PIC-SEA BOAT CRUISE tokens were struck in 1962 as advertising gimmicks in connection with the Seattle World Fair. The man who had them made owned a boat, and for $18.00 he offered a "Champagne Cruise" around Seattle, including a dinner at Franco's Hidden Harbor Restaurant. To encourage visitors at the Fair to take his cruise, he had 1,000 of these tokens struck, inserted them in cards, and placed these token-bearing cards on the windshields of cars parked near the Fair grounds. The token was as good as its promise: the 4-hour cruise cost only $17.50 if you presented a token when you boarded the boat. When the Fair was over, the man had about 100 of the tokens left, and he threw them all into Eliot Bay, and that was the last of them. He sold the boat, and only had two of them left when I called, which I was able to talk him out of. There are only five of them in collectors' hands, so far as I know, the rest being either deep in salt water, or kept as souvenirs by folks now spread all over the country.

On page 75 of the April Fare Box, we had a little article about 18mm tokens being used on the elevator at Rockefeller Center in New York. A subsequent visit to Rockefeller Center provided the further intelligence that these tokens hadn't been in use for several years. Comes now, thanks to Dan DiMichael, the full story of what these little brass tokens were really used for. They had nothing whatever to do with transportation. Dan wrote to Rockefeller Center inquiring about them, and back came the following letter from the manager of the the Center:

"Dear Mr. DiMichael: Your letter of July 12 has been referred to this office for attention. We are at a loss to understand your request for a 'token' used for a tour of Rockefeller Center. However, we are enclosing two souvenir coins which, sev-

eral years ago, were used by us for promotional purposes. The coins were given to each individual purchasing a ticket to our observation roof where they could either be used in the telescopes on the roof or kept as a souvenir. This is the only type of 'token' ever used in connection with this operation."

Dan sent me one of the tokens. It is inserted in a little folded card, on the outside of which it says: "Here's Your Token Present." On the inside it says, "See New York On Us...compliments of Rockefeller Center. Use this token in any of the binoculars on the Observation Roof." So much for the so-called "elevator tokens" of Rockefeller Center.

Harold Young, our member in Charlottesville, Va., sends us some interesting information about the rare token SC 310 A, which he has in his collection. "In 1932," he writes, "I visited the office of the company which succeeded Columbia Electric Street Railway and after some inquiry an old employee was found who recalled the fate of the tokens. After they went out of use, the supply was put in an old suitcase and the suitcase was taken by a member of the organization who was on his way to a vacation in Maine. There the suit case was thrown into the Atlantic Ocean from the end of a dock in Kennebunkport. Accordingly, I think we can safely assume they will not turn back up!"

We are not running our usual "New Finds" column this month because very little has been reported to us. We are certain that some of our roving members must have turned up some rare census tokens during the summer. If you will tell us about them, we'll be grateful, and share your good fortune in our New Finds column in the September Fare Box. I've been told that is one of the most interesting things in The Fare Box, so help us to keep it that way.

Marie Johnson did report an interesting item to us. It is like Unidentified #10 but it has no streetcar on it. Just the word "DEPOT" on each side. I never thought those were transportation tokens, but no one can tell for certain until we learn what they were used for, and where.

Dan DiMichael keeps telling me to list a strange token he has, and I keep forgetting. The token is just like the patterns SD 998 A and B, but Dan's token is in Zinc. They have a big celebration each year in Deadwood, and I suspect these off-metal tokens were struck some time back in connection with the celebration. They are much thinner than the original white metal token.

Harry Bartley also writes us about the token listed as Penna 1000 A. "Atwood's lists Pa 1000 A as solid," he writes, "however when in use it is pierced with a small hole near the top so it may be hung over a nail on a board. It is counterstamped with the operator's badge number as mentioned in the wording. 'A' must now be obsolete, for a new token is now in use. The wording is the same except that 'PORT AUTHORITY OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY' supersedes 'PITTSBURGH RAILWAYS CO.' on the obverse, and 'P.A.A.C.' for 'P.R.CO.' on the reverse. There are 3 stars on the obverse of both tokens."

Andrew Morgan, of Wichita Falls, Texas, tells us about the tokens once used in his home town. He went to the manager of the present company, he says, and was told that when the present firm took over they notified their customers that they had a certain time to use what tokens they had on hand, or they could redeem them. Then the company took the tokens, which amounted to several bags, and dumped them into Lake Wichita, which is about 7 miles from downtown Wichita Falls. Well, it seems that in a couple of years they had a drouth down there and the lake got real low, and a couple of boys were out in the lake playing, and they found the tokens and carried a handful of them to the bus company and wanted to know if they were worth anything. The company gave the kids a little money for their trouble, took the tokens, went out to the lake, got the rest of them, and carried them to the deepest part of the lake, and literally sowed the lake with the tokens. "So that is where most of the Texas 985 tokens are except for what few are in the hands of collectors and a few individuals." Let that be a lesson to bus companies that throw tokens into lakes.

= FIFTEENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE AMERICAN VECTURIST ASSOCIATION =

Minutes of the Meeting

The 15th Annual Convention of the American Vecturist Association was called to order by President Daniel DiMichael at 11:02 a.m., Saturday, August 7, 1965, at the Hotel Empire in New York City. Mr. Foster Pollack welcomed the members to New York on behalf of the North Eastern Vecturist Association. The following members and guests were present:

Mr. & Mrs. Foster Pollack, Robert Dewey, Grant Schmalgemeier, Robert Kelley, Quincy Laflin, Floyd Barnett, Julius Kurtz, Robert Harrison, N.S. Horwitz, Paul Targonsky, J.M. Kotler, Theo. W. Robbins, Mr. & Mrs. F. Paul Biery, Al Zaika, Charles Heaton, Edw. M. Vickers, Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Koller, Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Hinde, Andrew T. Faller, J. Douglas Ferguson, Max M. Schwartz, Larry Edell, Daniel DiMichael, Sam Rabinowitz, Joseph Allis, Mr. & Mrs. John Mackie, William L. Carr, A.A. Gibbons, Mr. & Mrs. Larry Freeman, Leonard H. Paul, Melvin Fox, John Clymer, Mr. & Mrs. W.G. Fyler, Mr. & Mrs. J.A.W. Cassidy, Kermit B. Streeter, Duane H. Feisel, Donald N. Mazeau, George Eggers, Max Babinger, Michael Super, Mr. & Mrs. Ed Wadhams, Walter E. Stinger, Edward Dence, Alfred Hoch, Gerald Landau, Albert Field, Fred C. Zell, Richard K. Atkins, Aaron Feldman, Neal LeLeiko.

President DiMichael then announced the appointment of Duane Feisel as Chairman of the Audit Committee and Joseph Kotler and Floyd Barnett as members...and of Quincy Laflin as Chairman of the Resolutions Committee, and F. Paul Biery and J.A.W. Cassidy as members.

The President then called on Mr. Rabinowitz, Chairman of the Elections Committee, to announce the results of the Association Election for the positions of Vice-President and Curator. The results were: VICE-PRESIDENT, Neil Shafer 187; Clarence Heppner 130. CURATOR, Robert Ritterband 214; Harry C. Bartley 97. So Shafer and Ritterband were declared elected. Inasmuch as there was no contest for the positions of President, Secretary, and Treasury, the respective nominees for those positions were declared elected by acclamation. So the officers of the Association for the coming year are as follows: Daniel DiMichael, President. Neil Shafer, Vice-President. Donald N. Mazeau, Secretary. R.K. Frisbee, Treasurer. Robert M. Ritterband, Curator. And F. Gordon Smith continues on the Executive Board as Immediate Past President.

The Secretary's report was read as the next order of business, and accepted. The Treasurer's report was also read to the convention and presented to the Audit Committee for its inspection. The Secretary then read the report of the Editor for The Fare Box and the Catalogue Committee, and this was also presented to the Audit Committee for inspection. These reports were all accepted pending the findings of the Audit Committee. The Secretary then read a report from Kenneth E. Smith on the subject of the Foreign Catalogue, wherein Mr. Smith stated that he had worked out an agreement with Mr. Coffee to publish, for the Association, a Catalogue of Foreign Transportation Tokens. Mr. Kotler then introduced a resolution to give Mr. Coffee full authorization to publish a foreign catalogue as he sees fit. Under this resolution, subsequently approved by the Executive Board, Mr. Coffee, as far as the American Vecturist Association is concerned, has final and complete authority to publish a foreign transportation token catalogue in any format he desires, appointing such members as he designates to work with him, and with complete authority as to what is listed, how it is listed, and what other arrangements he may wish to make, provided only that he will not use the funds of the Catalogue Committee without first obtaining the approval of the Executive Board. The resolution was passed without a dissenting vote.

The President then announced that the Editor of The Fare Box had designated the winner of "The Fare Box Literary Award for 1965." Sam Rabinowitz of New York was given the award for his article entitled *A Numismatic History of Celluloid and Vulcanite* which appeared in the March 1965 issue of The Fare Box. Honorable Mention was made of Joseph Mark Kotler's article entitled *New Zealand Transportation Tokens: A Survey* which appeared in the April and May issues of The Fare Box.

Following these announcements, the Convention recessed for lunch.

President DiMichael called the afternoon session to order at 2:20 pm. Mr. Feisel, reporting for the Audit Committee, suggested that a portion of the Catalogue Fund be placed in an interest-bearing account. All financial reports were found to be in order. Mr. Biery, of the Resolutions Committee, then recommended that Association Dues beginning with the year 1966 be raised to $4.00 per year, in order to retain the high standard of future issues of The Fare Box. This resolution was approved by the full convention without discussion or dissent. So dues beginning next year will be $4.00 per year. The Resolutions Committee then suggested that the Executive Board raise the Life Membership fee to $80.00, beginning January 1, 1966, and this action was subsequently taken by the Board, so members who wish to become Life Members at the present rate of $60.00 have until December 31, 1965, to do so.

The Resolutions Committee then recommended that the Constitution & By-Laws of the Association be amended to provide for the election of officers once every two years, instead of the present arrangement of annual elections, beginning in 1966. This resolution was passed with one dissenting vote, and must now be brought before the entire membership in accordance with procedure in Article XII, Section 1e. Ballots will be mailed to the membership with the September issue of The Fare Box, and three-fourths of those voting must approve if the amendment is to become effective.

Mr. Biery then placed a resolution before the Convention thanking Mr. Whitfield and Mr. Joseph for their excellent Convention badges, and this was approved unanimously. Mr. Biery also submitted a resolution thanking the Convention Committee and the North Eastern Vecturist Association for their excellent work in preparing for this convention, and this was passed unanimously.

Mr. Fyler then moved that Mr. Coffee be reimbursed $50.00 per year for the use of his personal typewriter in preparing copy for The Fare Box, and this was approved without dissent.

Mr. Kotler then rose to speak in behalf of Chicago Area members and offered the City of Chicago as site for the 1966 A.V.A. Convention. Mr. Mazeau also rose to acknowledge an invitation which had been received from Mr. Ritterband on behalf of the Los Angeles Area for the 1966 A.V.A. Convention.

There being no further business to come before the Convention, it was moved that the business sessions be adjourned, and the motion was approved at 3:50 pm.

- Respectfully submitted,

DONALD N. MAZEAU, Secretary.

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= CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS =

By Daniel DiMichael

Mr. Coffee asked me to share my experiences with the membership, as just an average run-of-the-mill collector, in visiting New York for the 1965 A.V.A. Convention. I arrived at Penn Station on Friday, August 6 at 7:45, and was met there by Sam Rabinowitz. I was saddened by the knowledge that Penn Station, with all its Victorian grandeur, will soon be no more, because it will presently be demolished to make way for the new Madison Square Garden. Trains will run beneath the Garden.

On our way to Jamaica, we stopped at the Museum of the American Numismatic Society, and we looked over their collection of books and tokens. I asked to examine part of the Morganthau collection, plus the collection of Pennsylvania store cards and trade checks. Later that evening we headed for the Hotel Empire for the annual Friday night get-together of early arrivers for the Convention. This is always a highlight of any convention: old friendships are renewed, and there is lots of horse trading of tokens back and forth. For once there were more foreign tokens in evidence, attesting to the great increase in interest in foreign numismatic material of all kinds. Joe Kotler and I came to the convention well supplied with duplicates of foreign tokens. This friendly gathering finally evaporated about 2:00 A.M.

On Saturday, before and after the business sessions, there was more buying, selling, and swapping, and just talking with old and new friends. I was able to pick up one token on Saturday for my U.S. collection, happily.

Following the business sessions everyone settled down for the auction, and anyone who hasn't been present for a floor auction presided over by Larry Freeman has missed something. He keeps an auction moving, and he also mixes humor in with his calls for bids. As usual the good tokens brought prices well over catalogue, and some of the members were amazed at the prices realized, but it should be remembered that there just aren't nearly enough of the rare tokens to go around among the 500 active collectors we have in this Association, to say nothing of non-member numismatists who also seem to consider transportation tokens among the most desirable of numismatic items.

There was the banquet Saturday night, with very little oratory, at the Hotel, and afterwards some of the conventioneers took in shows, while others retired to the privacy of their rooms for more horse trading.

Sunday morning we all gathered for the annual tour: a boat ride that took 3 hours, going entirely around Manhattan Island. Amazingly enough, even some of the New York members had never taken this ride before. The special tokens, certainly the most beautiful A.V.A. Convention Tour tokens ever issued, were required to obtain the tickets for admission to the ship.

The boat ride drew convention activities to a close, and members headed home. Some, like myself, however, decided to go out and hunt tokens. Sam Rabinowitz and I took off for the Hudson River Valley in search of rarities. We didn't find any of the old bridge tokens, but at least we found a couple of unlisted parking tokens, and had a grand time as well...for in looking for old tokens, the search is half the fun.

Finally, in my capacity as President of the A.V.A., I cannot close this narrative without a word of gratitude to my fellow members and friends in the North Eastern Vecturist Association, who worked long and hard to make this one of the nicest token conventions ever held.

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= *MAZEAU OPPOSES CHANGES IN ELECTION PROCEDURE* =

The 1965 Convention voted to change our By-Laws so as to hold elections every 2 years instead of the present 1 year. The entire membership will be asked to vote on this amendment next month. I am opposed to this change, and I want to give a few of my reasons. First, from my own point of view, the job of Secretary is no job with a lot of glory. It can become quite bothersome, especially around dues paying time when it requires some 10 hours a week to keep up to date. I don't mind the job on a year-to-year basis, but I would hesitate to accept it for a two-year period. I think the same can be said for the office of Treasruer, a job which also involves considerable dedication to duty. Perhaps from the standpoint of work involved, the other offices of the A.V.A. could be a pleasant two-year tour of duty, but I think that under the present arrangement where the office can become available each year, more members who may wish to serve have the opportunity to do so. It could also be suggested that the officer who knows he must go before the voters each year does a better job than one who knows he is safe for two years. Under a 2-year plan it is conceivable that a clique could control the convention site selection to the extent that a convention would be held in the same city two years in a row. With the wide-spread membership that we have I think it is important that conventions are held in places that will allow every member a convenient chance to attend at least once every three years. At New York the best arguments that could be put forward for this change were "elections cost too much" and "That's the way the A.N.A. does it." Well, I don't care how the A.N.A. runs their business, it is no concern of ours. Perhaps they would be better off if they held yearly elections! As for the cost, if $20 a year is too much to pay for good government I will be happy to pay the expenses out of my own pocket. I hope you will think of these things when it is time to mark your ballot, and vote NO along with me.

- Donald N. Mazeau, L-312.

(Editor's note: equal time will be made available to the other side if desired.)

= THE CLOUGH CREEK TURNPIKE =

By Donald N. Mazeau

We have never had any information about this company and, in fact, we were not even sure the tokens were properly listed under Cincinnati. Dan DiMichael was able to find the town of Clough Creek listed on a 1917 map of Ohio, but I could find no modern reference to it. I decided to do some research on these tokens, and was very fortunate to locate a stock certificate issued by the Clough Creek Turnpike Company. The certificate is dated April 3, 1875, and is signed by M. Lauerer, President and P.T. Turpin, Secretary.

I do not know if this certificate was issued when the company began operations, but I suspect it was. Persons who remember the pike recall that it was still collecting tolls in 1910. The name Clough Pike is still used and the town is now a part of the City of Cincinnati. I have located the family of one of the toll collectors, but have not been able to find any of the tokens. The only ones known were found by Atwood in the sample box of a Cincinnati token manufacturer. The brass one is still unique; there are three of the aluminum ones known.

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= *PRICES REALIZED AT THE A.V.A. CONVENTION AUCTION* =

Ind 460 L.....	*$1.50*	*Neb 800 C.....*	*$1.35*	*Germ 390 P....*	*$1.00*	*Ohio 175 V....*	*$2.10*
Ind 460 P.....	*3.70*	*NY 631 D.....*	*.50*	*Ala 560 Z.....*	*1.00*	*Ohio 175 Wb...*	*5.25*
Ky 510 BR.....	*8.75*	*Pa 320 A.....*	*2.35*	*Pa 725 C.....*	*4.25*	*Turk 400 A....*	*1.35*
Ky 510 BT.....	*1.25*	*Pa 515 B.....*	*3.25*	*Pa 725 C.....*	*3.50*	*Timetable O...*	*2.50*
Md 60 N.....	*5.50*	*Wash 780 K....*	*.50*	*BC 700 A.....*	*2.35*	*Pa 750 M.....*	*10.00*
NY 630 V.....	*6.00*	*Wash 970 A....*	*.35*	*N.Scot 850 A..*	*7.50*	*NY 630 Q.....*	*10.50*
Ohio 10 I.....	*2.00*	*Mich 935 Bb3..*	*2.50*	*Mass 355 D....*	*.90*	*Pa 340 E.....*	*1.00*
Ohio 10 K.....	*2.10*	*Eng 530 AB....*	*.80*	*Neb 120 D.....*	*.80*	*Pa 965 G.....*	*27.50*
Ohio 165 A....	*7.00*	*Eng 530 AC....*	*.50*	*Ohio 230 Y....*	*.40*	*Pa 750 L.....*	*6.00*
Ohio 175 V....	*2.35*	*Eng 530 AF....*	*.70*	*Ohio 230 Z....*	*.65*	*Pa 725 G.....*	*6.50*
Pa 750 L.....	*8.50*	*Eng 530 AG....*	*1.75*	*Pa 150 B.....*	*3.10*	*Pa 997 A.....*	*4.00*
Pa 750 AT.....	*8.00*	*Germ 480 A....*	*.30*	*Kan 820 A.....*	*3.50*	*Pa 997 B.....*	*3.50*
NY 630 Ua.....	*1.70*	*Israel(2).....*	*2.10*	*Conn 235 B....*	*2.60*	*Pa 997 G.....*	*3.75*
NY 630 Ub.....	*1.70*	*Eng 901 D.....*	*1.60*	*Conn 235 B....*	*2.60*	*Pa 997 M.....*	*4.00*
NY 630 Uc.....	*1.60*	*N.J. 3850 A...*	*.30*	*Timetable G...*	*3.00*	*Pa 997 N.....*	*3.00*
NY 630 Ud.....	*1.60*	*Italy(unlis)..*	*1.65*	*Pa 750 AC.....*	*18.00*	*Pa 3725 A.....*	*4.00*
N.Scot 200 B..	*10.00*	*N.Z. 240 A....*	*1.70*	*Conn 550 A....*	*3.00*	*Conn 30 A.....*	*.50*
Ky 85 E.....	*2.35*	*Chi lamp chk..*	*1.00*	*Ind 960 A.....*	*4.25*	*Conn 30 A.....*	*.50*
Md 60 K.....	*4.25*	*Hung 100 BA...*	*1.25*	*NY 300 A.....*	*9.00*	*Ky 510 O.....*	*2.50*
Minn 820 C....	*2.25*	*Czech 600 A...*	*.85*	*NY 745 A.....*	*2.50*	*Pa 725 A.....*	*10.25*
Neb 800 A.....	*1.35*	*Scotland(6)...*	*1.35*	*NJ 555 F.....*	*3.50*		

There was both floor bidding and mail bidding permitted in this auction. Some lots were added in late, and not listed in The Fare Box. Some other lots were withdrawn. Mr. Schwartz informs us that the total realized in the auction was $304.50, of which the A.V.A. received $30.60 as its share. The Editor would comment that the prices seem somewhat more conservative than those at the Harrisburg Convention last year. For instance, Pa 965 G brought only $27.50, while the much more common 965 H brought more than double that amount at Harrisburg.

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= WEBB FERRY TO BE REPLACED BY BRIDGE AT GRAYVILLE, ILL. =

Donald Punshon sends us a clipping, stating that new Interstate Route 64 will be constructed across the Wabash River at Grayville, thus sounding the death knell of the interesting little ferry that uses several varieties of tokens. However it will be some time before the bridge is built, and meanwhile the ferry will prosper.

For Sale: parking token Mich 3930 A, type a, for 25¢ plus stamped envelope. Would like to trade merchants trade tokens. Have many duplicates.
Marie A. Johnson - Box 176 - Tecumseh, Mich. 49286

How much as I offered for 1955 half dollars? They are not mint but in Fine condition. It is my privilege to reject all offers. This is a scarce item and the price will only go up.
William E. Eisenberg - 3728 Mayfair Street - Pittsburgh, Pa. 15204

Vogel is in the buying mood. I want your list of dupl. and prices. Also have 150 TT to go as one lot. At least 30 diff. Will sell for $8 or trade for Alaska or Wash. TT. Also have many semi-key coins to trade for tokens. Send your list of needs and list of dupl. TT and I'll make a nice offer. Write!
Gilbert Vogel - U.S. Coast Guard - Scituate, Mass.

Mail Bid Sale: usual rules. Nova Scotia 100 B, 200 A, 350 B, 450 A; Ontario 675 F G H I; Quebec 600 X Z, 970 A. Nova Scotia 3850 A.
Don Wilson - 5305 Dudemaine St., Apt. 6 - Montreal 9, Quebec

HORSECARS FOR TRADE: I will trade NY 780 A or Wis 510 D for Ill 195 B. Also will buy at TOP cash prices or trade some REAL SCARCE tokens for any of the following: Manistee; Lincoln (both); Dayton (both); LaCrosse 360 C; Wis 510 C; Maverick 62. Let me know what you have. You won't be disappointed.
Norman E. Sherman - 4295 Marina Dr. - Santa Barbara, Calif. 93105

Here is your chance! Va 350 B, 5¢ each. At 10¢ each: Ala 560 Y; Cal 430 B, 575 I; Del 900 G; Ga 60 J S, 240 E; Haw 240 C D; Ind 260 A D, 520 E; Ky 10 F; Md 60 AM; NY 630 AH AN, 105 D; Ohio 860 E; Pa 525 O, 750 AA AH AR, 765 Z AC; RI 700 E; Va 20 K, 580 G K, 720 E G; Wash 780 L; WVa 140 B, 240 B; DC 500 D C L Q R S U V W X Y. At 30¢ each: Va 20 L M. Sets, Md 40 A B, 50¢. Md 380 A B C D, 95¢. NC 350 A B C, 75¢. Va 560 A B, 50¢. Current D.C. types Va 20 N, DC 500 L Z AB, $1.05. No broken sets.
Edwin C. Lanham - 6116 N Street, S.E. - Washington, D.C. 20027

SINCERE THANKS TO THE LARGE NUMBER OF A.V.A. MEMBERS WHO VOTED FOR ME IN THE RECENT CURATOR RACE. I PLEDGE TO YOU, AND TO EVERYONE IN OUR ASSOCIATION, MY UTMOST EFFORTS TO HANDLE THIS NEW ASSIGNMENT CAREFULLY AND COMPLETELY. COUNT UPON ME TO DO A FULL SHARE TOWARD THE CONTINUING GROWTH OF OUR FINE FELLOWSHIP! = Robert M. Ritterband

WANTED: Michigan 60 A B, 125 A, 360 C D, 460 A, 495 A, 515 A B, 635 A B, 680 N R, 750 A B, 770 A, 775 A, 930 A B. Will buy or trade other Michigan common tokens.
Bernard Keith - 18440 Fielding Avenue - Detroit, Mich. 48219

WANTED TO BUY: foreign collections and accumulations. Individual pieces, also any type of token you do not collect. Lists of tokens for sale wanted.
Foster B. Pollack - 1841 Broadway, Rm 808 - New York, N.Y. 10023

1965 convention trip token (NY 630 AP) $1.75. Convention parking token $1.00. Convention badges, as long as they last, 25¢. Minimum postage 15¢ stamped addressed envelope. New Issues Service will carry these.
North Eastern Vecturist Assn. - 1841 Broadway, Rm 808 - New York, N.Y. 10023

FOR SALE TO THE BEST BIDDER: Va 580 D. Pennsylvania & Conn. transportation tokens wanted. Send lists of duplicates.
Richard W. Musser - 311 Clover Ave. - Lancaster, Pa. 17602

For Sale - 100 diff. TTs $15 postpaid. Also have large variety of PTs to sell; 15¢ cat for 25¢, 25¢ cat. for 40¢. Send your want-list and your dupe list. Will buy your dupe PTs too, send list and price each item.
Don Edkins - 120 Stanley Drive - Williamsburg, Va. 23185

WANTED: reasonably priced transportation tokens listing for more than 25¢ in Atwood Catalogue. Send list of what you have to sell.
Howard T. Breitmeyer - Box 5702 - Detroit, Mich. 48239

In my ad in the July Fare Box, it should have read "Kans 450 G" instead of "450 B." I still have many of these tokens (450 G) available. (15¢ circulated; 25¢ Unc.)
Lewis D. Withington - 1320 East 10th Street - Hutchinson, Kans. 67501

From tiny St. Pierre, the French North Atlantic colony, an unusual transit ticket, canceled, from the only vecturist to visit North America's most out-of-the-way corner. Sea transportation from St. Pierre to Miquelon, a 30-mile ocean voyage. Yours for the asking. Reply envelope appreciated.
H.D. Allen - 810 Hoopes Street - Arvida, Quebec

WILL TRADE NOONAN HOTEL BUS LINE, Madelia, Minn 490 A, extremely fine condition, for Doughty City Hack, Enid, Okla 330 A. Also will trade B AND B Parking Lot, Enid, Okla., with Parcoa Token reverse, gate both sides, for your local Parcoa Gate Token, even exchange, one token limited while small supply is available for AVA members only.
Maynard Harrod - 433 South Lincoln Street - Enid, Okla. 73701

WANTED - JETTON - QUEEN VICTORIA STORE CARDS AND COUNTERS.
Maurice C. Davis - 4250 N. Marine Drive - Chicago, Ill. 60613

FOR SALE - the following tokens - Ark 975 A, 60¢; 975 B, 30¢; NY 615 F, 50¢; Tenn 600 J, 50¢; NY 3445 A, 75¢.
Daniel DiMichael - P.O. Box 485 - Coatesville, Pa. 19320

HELP WANTED: I need the following to complete my home state set of TT's: N.C. 40 A, 140 A, 280 A B C D, 330 A, 390 A, 450 A B, 660 A, 700 A, 950 A B, 980 A B F G. If you have dupes of any of the above, please write. Will pay cash or give you a mile long swap on other N.C. & S.C. dupes which I have.
Odell Morgan - Route 1 - Midland, N.C. 28107

AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER: Calif 275 A, 450 G, 575 O; Ill 315 B, 530 E; Ia 600 A; Ky 510 AO; Me 40 B; Mich 75 B, 630 B; NY 80 D, 630 X AC ADb, 631 C, 780 D; NC 670 A; ND 320 C; Pa 750 W; DC 500 AE; Ont 325 A C, 675 F H.
Robert E. Paige - 225 Lincoln Ave. - Collingdale, Pa. 19024

FOR SALE TO HIGHEST BIDDER: SD 260 A, Deadwood Street Railroad, and SD 260 B, Deadwood Central RR, both very nice condition. HIGHEST OFFER ALSO TAKES exceptionally nice specimens of Iowa 150 A and B.
Al Hoch - 17 Eva Path - Commack, N.Y.

WANTED: Pa 3015 A B, 3725 A, 3750 D; Wisc 3510 I L; Okla 3700 A.
Edw. M. Vickers - P.O. Box 45-A - Pawling, N.Y. 12564

FOR SALE: Fla 380 D with large 7mm punched (not drilled) center hole for $3 each.
Morton H. Dawson - 182 Whiting Lane - West Hartford, Conn. 06119

TO HIGHEST BIDDER: Minn 600 A B; NC 630 A; Pa 70 A B; SC 310 B; Tex 690 A; Wisc 940 A; Ariz 1000 D. FOR SALE: Ariz 640 E, $1.05; 1000 B C, 20¢ each; Vt 150 F G, 30¢ each. Mfg Sample 27 A, 15¢.
John G. Nicolosi - 3002 Galindo Street - Oakland, Calif. 94601

FOR SALE: Manuf. Samples Group 27 A,C, 15¢ each plus stamped reply envelope. Have one parking token RI 3880 A to trade. AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER: RI 520 D F G, 700 G; SC 240 C, 310 B, 490 B, 500 A B, 880 A (voth varieties) B.
Harold V. Ford, Jr. - 1999 Gaspar Drive - Oakland, Calif. 94611

SOME REAL SCARCE TOKENS FOR SALE TO HIGHEST BIDDER (no open-end bidding please): Calif 50 B, 745 B; Haw 330 B; Ill 120 B, 125 A, 150 C, 200 F, 385 A; Ind 90 B; Ky 510 AC; Mass 115 K; Mo 830 A; Pa 280 A, 575 B; Tex 255 A; Wisc 980 A. ALSO CENSUS TOKEN Idaho 520 A. For Sale at $12.00 each, 8 different of the Mich 605 series.
Donald N. Mazeau - P.O. Box 31 - Clinton, Conn. 06413

Will trade the following parking tokens (all Penna.) for any tokens I can use, either parking or trans. Pa 3475 A (have 4); 3880 A (4), 3987 A (12), 3987 B (4), 3987 C (12), 3920 A.
Don McKelvey - 2822 19th Avenue - Port Huron, Mich. 48060

PLAINFIELD, VERMONT 595 A,B for sale at 50¢ apiece plus stamped envelope (5¢ each). Wanted: Ohio 230 V!!
J.M. Coffee, Jr. - P.O. Box 1204 - Boston, Mass. 02104

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American Vecturist Assn. - P.O. Box 1204 - Boston, Mass. 02104

= ALL AUCTIONS LISTED IN THIS ISSUE CLOSE OCTOBER 3 =

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Advertisements in THE FARE BOX are free to A.V.A. members, up to 6 lines per month; excess lines will be charged to the member at 85¢ per line. Your ad must be different each month, and auctions may not list tokens catalogued at less than 25¢.

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= TRANSPORTATION TOKEN INTEREST HIGH IN MONTREAL =

By J.M. Kotler

After the recent American Vecturist Association Convention in New York, I loaded my car and headed through heavy rains for La Belle Province, Quebec. Pausing in Vermont I visited Brattleboro Transit Corporation, the operation that uses our A.V.A. commemorative fare tokens. I found the General Manager, Mr. Bill Sand, a most pleasant individual, as he spared about a half hour to answer my questions about buses and tokens in Brattleboro. All three aluminum tokens (Vt 150 B F G) are in current use at 5 for $1.00. Collectors desiring them should be sure to include postage when writing. The 1958 copper, brass, and white metal tokens were used only in small numbers for a brief time. None are available. Brattleboro Transit operates one twelve-mile city route on an hourly schedule. Cash fare is 25¢.

Passing into Canada I stopped off to visit Mr. J. Douglas Ferguson of Rock Island, Quebec. Doug Ferguson, who is the longest-standing A.V.A. member outside the United States, is a Past President of the American Numismatic Association and is Honorary President of the Canadian Numismatic Association. In the past two years he has expanded his transportation token interests to a world-wide scale. One of our most active collectors, Mr. Ferguson found time to show me parts of his magnificent collection. One piece I particularly admired was a large wooden ferryboat token from Japan. This 19th Century piece, which is one of perhaps two or three known, is our only recorded token from Japan.

In Sherbrooke I took H.D. Allen's advice (page 73, April Fare Box) and visited Mr. Orazio Lombardo, President of Canadian Artistic Dies, Ltd. Among the treasures I saw at their Minto Street office were some off-metal patterns of bus tokens. Probably the most spectacular was an example of a Trois-Rivieres, Quebec, token in solid gold! We would hope to get a complete list of these off-metal tokens for Atwood's Catalogue in the near future.

Monsieur L. Maurice Lorraine signed up for the A.V.A. when I stopped in Saint-Jean. His collection includes some unlisted Canadian time table tokens and eleven of the 12 Bout de l'Isle Bridge Tokens from Montreal (Que 620 A thru L).

My objective in Montreal was the 12th Annual Convention of the Canadian Numismatic Association. Canadian numismatists, especially in French Canada, have always taken a greater interest in tokens than their south-of-the-border counterparts. As a result demand and prices have always been high. Transportation token prices from the C.N.A. Convention Auction follow (in Canadian dollars, worth 92¢ each):

NS 450 A	*$4.25*	*620 C*	*$95.00*	*620 I*	*$90.00*	*620 M*	*$26.50*	*620 N*	*$16.00*
Ont 825 A	*8.50*	*620 E*	*66.00*	*"(bent)*	*36.00*	*620 M*	*17.50*	*620 N*	*25.00*
Quebec		*620 G*	*110.00*	*620 L*	*65.00*	*620 M*	*20.00*	*745 B(poor)*	*75.00*
620 A	*95.00*	*620 H*	*95.00*	*620 M*	*35.00*	*620 M*	*27.00*	*745 C*	*200.00*
620 B	*78.00*								

Even with these steep prices there were plenty of buyers. One prime example is the Lauzon Ferry token counterstamped "J.T." This piece was lot 41 and estimated at $75.00 in Fine condition. Personally I was prepared to go $125 for the token, so I was very surprised when the bidding opened at $65. About four hands were up permanently as $5 jumps approached the century mark. From there it was $105, 110, 115, and I got in at my limit of $125. The gentleman in front of me hesitatingly went to $135; a hand in front row made it $150, and finally a voice from the front corner could be heard, "Enough fooling around, two hundred dollars!" And so the highest price ever paid for a transportation token was knocked down to an A.V.A. member.

The commercial end of the C.N.A. Convention wasn't the only area of interest for the vecturist. Among the many fine exhibits was that of A.V.A. member John L. McKay-Clements. Along with some of the very rarest Canadian coins and tokens, he had a complete set of the rare Bout de l'Isle Bridge Tokens from Montreal. There are probably not more than three or four such sets in existence, and these are the earliest die struck transportation tokens used in the Americas.

The top exhibit, as far as the vecturists and the judges were concerned, was that of A.V.A. member John W. Stephens and his lovely wife Ameta. They beat out sev-

eral fine entries to capture First Prize in the Canadian Tokens section. Their exhibit, "Cape Breton Transportation Tokens" covering their home area of Sydney, Nova Scotia, and District, consisted of a single case displaying twelve transport and one parking token. There was a unique, unlisted brass token from Donkin Bus Service, but it wasn't rarity that won the prize. The background on which the tokens rested was a large artist's rendering of Sydney Harbour and the surrounding area. Drawings of little trams and buses radiated from Sydney for each of the areas that used tokens. Appropriately enough next to the school fare token was a drawing of the Sydney Academy. The Atwood's Catalogue description of each token and brief histories of the lines were given in a box on the right side. We hope the exhibit will be preserved and shown at an A.V.A. Convention in the near future. Mr. Stephens' fine showing proves that transportation tokens can be excellent subjects for exhibits at numismatic or hobby shows. I hope more people will be encouraged to display their collections.

Among the vecturists I saw at the Montreal C.N.A., and perhaps there were more, were Borman, Ferguson, J. Ford, Goldstone, Hofmann, Jarvis, Lessin, Lombardo, Lorraine, MacDonald, McKay-Clements, Miner, K. Palmer, Saint Aubin, Stephens, and D. Wilson. A.V.A. member A. Mitchell MacDonald of Halifax was elected President of the Canadian Numismatic Association.

The bourse room had only a few transportation tokens available. Jack Stephens had a small supply of Nova Scotia pieces he retrieved from former owners and operators. A coin dealer from Ottawa had a supply of the fibre policemen tokens dated 1963 at five dollars for each type. These tokens have been discontinued, and I've heard there was a city council investigation into their leakage onto the collector market. I've since learned that the Ottawa coin dealer also formerly drove the city buses.

Several dealers had assortments of British tokens on their tables.

My personal collection was enhanced by a visit to the home of Olivier Saint Aubin, who made available some patterns and other Canadian rarities. Monsieur Saint Aubin's home is on a very large lot quite near a suburban railroad station. Commuters can park there all day for 50¢, but as yet no parking tokens are used.

Mr. Ferguson delivered a fine talk, "Numismatics Across Canada" at the convention banquet. I was a guest the previous day on Saint Helen's Island where the 1967 Montreal World's Fair EXPO 67 will be held. After touring the Chateau de Ramezay historical museum on Sunday, I departed La Belle Province, as Quebec is known. It was an entirely enjoyable week for a vecturist, especially at a numismatic convention. Perhaps Canada will be hosting an A.V.A. convention in the future.

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= AUGUST NEW ISSUES SERVICE REPORT =

We start this month with a beautiful convention token, used on the boat tour around Manhattan Island at the A.V.A. New York Convention. I am told this was a very beautiful and fascinating trip. You will also receive Va 700 G and Pa 785 D, which is 785 C painted green for a fare hike (7/26/64). They also painted 785 B but the company refuses to sell us a quantity of both. Then those who collect foreign will receive 4 tokens from Darlington, England, all Unc., in 4 different colors. This was mentioned in my report in July.

Those of you who have not yet received the July consignment had better check your account and get it into the black; otherwise it will be assumed you are no longer interested and we'll take in someone from the waiting list in your place. With so many new members wanting passionately to be members of the New Issues Service, we no longer have to beg old members to keep up their balances.

This month we welcome Bob Singer of San Diego to N.I.S.

New members interested in joining the New Issues Service, which provides new issues at a small mark-up over face value, if we can obtain them in quantity, should write and ask to be put on our waiting list. As old members grow lax in their payments, new members on the waiting list will be taken in.

- John G. Nicolosi

= APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP =

707 LUTHER O. CONNER, JR. - 923½ HARRISON STREET - MONROE, MICHIGAN
AGE 37; SALESMAN. COLLECTS U.S. & PARKING. (*Carman*)

708J KEITH BILDSTEIN - ROUND TOP ROAD, WARREN TWP. - PLAINFIELD, N.J. 07060
AGE 15; STUDENT. COLLECTS U.S. ONLY. (*Hinde*)

709 GEORGE KUBA - 3218 MANSFIELD AVENUE - CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA
AGE 53; BEER WHOLESALER. COLLECTS ALL TYPES. (*Rider*)

710 ALBERT E. JAY - 44 AVENUE ST. - OSHAWA, ONTARIO
AGE 48; WAREHOUSE CHECKER. COLLECTS U.S., CANADA, PARKING. (*Rider*)

711 JOHN N. MCCARLEY - BOX 41 - GREENVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA 29609
AGE 69; RETIRED. COLLECTS U.S. & FOREIGN. (*A.O. Morgan*)

712 JOHN HOWARD PALMER - BOX 2223 - AUSTIN, TEXAS
AGE 26; STUDENT. COLLECTS ALL TYPES. (*Coffee*)

713 L. MAURICE LORRAIN - 43 FRONTENAC - ST. JEAN, QUEBEC
AGE 56; RETIRED. COLLECTS CANADA AND CANADIAN PARKING. (*Kotler*)

714 REV. DONALD I. MACINNES - 407 MELODY LANE - PLACENTIA, CALIFORNIA 92670
AGE 32; PRESBYTERIAN MINISTER. COLLECTS U.S. ONLY (*Hinde*)

715 RALPH DESANTIS - 108 NORTH MAIN AVENUE - SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA 18504
AGE 46; COIN DEALER. COLLECTS U.S. & CANADA. (*Gibbons*)

716 EDWARD F. VARGO - 14122 ST. JAMES AVENUE - CLEVELAND, OHIO 44135
AGE 48; CARPENTER. COLLECTS U.S., CANADA, PARKING. (*Kotler*)

717 STEPHEN G. WILLIAMSON - BOX 9233 - MOBILE, ALABAMA 36609
AGE 21; STUDENT. COLLECTS U.S., CANADA, FOREIGN. (*Kotler*)

718 HOWARD J. HAUSER - ROUTE 2 - PRIOR LAKE, MINNESOTA
AGE 52; COIN & STAMP DEALER. COLLECTS U.S. & CANADA. (*Kotler*)

719 RONAL L. JOHNSON - 2914 BERO ROAD - BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 21227
AGE 28; HIGHWAY DRAFTSMAN. COLLECTS U.S., CANADA, FOREIGN. (*Kotler*)

720 WILLIAM D. SMITH - 54 EXCELSIOR AVE - PRINCES BAY, STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. 10309
AGE 60; BANK OFFICER. COLLECTS U.S. & CANADIAN. (*Schwartz*)

721 JULIUS C. BERNEBURG - 28 CHESTNUT STREET - MERRICK, L.I., NEW YORK
AGE 58; BANKING. COLLECTS U.S. & FOREIGN. (*Schwartz*)

722 HARRY L. STROUGH - 2703 MILAM - HOUSTON, TEXAS 77006
AGE 54; SERVICE MANAGER. COLLECTS ALL TYPES. (*Hinde*)

723 FLOYD E. FIELD - 1618 NORTH ADAMS - ENID, OKLAHOMA 73701
AGE 60; PAINTING CONTRACTOR. COLLECTS U.S. & PARKING. (*Harrod*)

REINSTATEMENT TO MEMBERSHIP

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Walt Fairfield - 7211 Ilex - Houston, Texas 77012
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= *HAVE YOU SPONSORED A MEMBER YET? APPLICATION BLANKS AVAILABLE FROM THE EDITOR* =

= AUGUST SUPPLEMENT TO ATWOOD'S CATALOGUE =
By Ralph Freiberg

NEW YORK

New York City (Manhattan) 630 (Reported by Sam Rabinowitz)
A.V.A. CONVENTION NEW YORK CITY AUGUST 6-8, 1965 (BOAT)
APo B Ov Sd Good For One Trip Around Manhattan Island (29x50mm) $1.75

OHIO

Cuyahoga Falls 225 (Reported by George Sanders)
ST. EUGENE SCHOOL BUS
B A 23 Sd 12c .15

PENNSYLVANIA

Pottsville 785 (Reported by Don Edkins & John Nicolosi)
D WM 23 Bar (same as 785 B, but colored green) .20
E WM 23 Bar (same as 785 C, but colored green) .20
[colored for a fare raise on July 26, 1964]

Wilkes-Barre 985 (Reported by Don Edkins)
WHITE TRANSIT CO. WILKES-BARRE, PA.
H WM 16 W Good For One 10¢ Fare (Vars.) .15

VIRGINIA

Mechanicsville 535 (Reported by Daniel DiMichael)
N. MECHANICSVILLE TURNPIKE CO. 6 CENTS
B o B 23 Sd (blank)[the "6" on obverse is incuse] 5.00

Radford 700 (Reported by Don Edkins)
RADFORD, VA. PUBLIC UTILITIES
G Bz 23 Bar (blank) .15

UNIDENTIFIED (Reported by Marie Johnson & J. Douglas Ferguson)
1 TOLL 10
101 L 18 Sd (eagle perched on key)

MANUFACTURERS SAMPLES (Reported by Odell Morgan)
Group 19
MEYER & WENTHE CHICAGO
AA WM 23 R Good For One Fare

= NOTES BY RALPH FREIBERG =

Heading this month's listings we have our convention token from New York City. We understand 300 of them were struck, and they were good for a ticket on a special boat trip entirely around Manhattan Island. Incidentally, one token, and only one, was struck in sterling silver, and presented to Sam Rabinowitz as "The Fare Box Literary Award."

Next we come to a school token from Cuyahoga Falls. It was reported to us a few months ago, and we have done our best to get a supply for the New Issues Service, but to no avail. This issue is typical of many tokens which were struck in small quantities by people who don't know that there are a lot of collectors who will want the tokens. This token is issued by a newly-formed parish which actually does not have its own school. They bus their pupils over to St. Joseph School, in their own buses. So they actually don't have a school, but they do operate school buses. Maybe after they start their own school someone in the area will be able to get us a supply of these tokens.

As for the tokens of Pottsville, Pa., last year I noted that there was a fare change there. Generally, about one out of a hundred companies that change fares put

put a new token into use. Don Edkins reported this token to Harold Ford, and we followed it up from there. The East Penn token was the one reported to us by Edkins as being colored, but when Nicolosi wrote the company for a supply, he also got a couple of the Pottsville Union Traction tokens. In this case when East Penn took over from Union Traction (when streetcars were discontinued) they simply inherited the old tokens and kept using them along with new ones that looked similar. However, the New Issues Service was only able to get a supply of the East Penn tokens; the others will not be supplied, as they won't send us any of them. East Penn Transit also took over Schuylkill Transit in 1959, and during the past few years they had some odd rates of fare, so we hope they don't have any other tokens we don't know anything about!

Mr. Edkins also reported the new token for White Transit. In 1954 the White Transit Company put out an adult tokens. However, as the New Issues Service was not then in existence I don't know if collectors were able to get Pa 985 F easily or not. But I do know that the tokens put out at Plymouth, Pa., were a little hard to get. In 1960 adult fares were raised to 15¢. I wrote Mr. Picton for aome information on White Transit, as he lived in the vicinity, and he mentioned that the 16mm token was then being used as a 10¢ school fare. I didn't know of the different reverse so did not ask him to check for it. It is possible the token with the 10¢ reverse made its appearance anytime in the past five years. Mr. Picton has moved from Wilkes-Barre, and we can't get any information from the company, and they won't send us any tokens for the New Issues Service...but with patience we'll probably get some of them eventually.

Mr. Edkins also discovered a new token for Radford, Va., and in this case they did send a supply of the tokens to the New Issues Service.

The Mechanicsville turnpike token is similar to the one listed in the Catalogue (which is unique, owned by Harold Ford) but smaller in size and denomination. Dan DiMichael bought it from a coin dealer. We suspect there must be other varieties of these turnpike tokens around, which were used on this famous old turnpike that figured prominently in General Grant's campaigns during the Civil War.

Marie Johnson and J.D. Ferguson both came up with some of the little lead items listed as Unid. #101. The tokens appear to be very early turnpike tokens; however, there is a suspicion that they are modern-made imitations, and collectors are warned not to pay very much for them until more is learned about them.

Donald Punshon, who is one of our most competent token sleuths, reports that the token listed as N.C. 950 A, Consolidated Street Railway, is probably from Grand Rapids, Michigan. There was a company with this name in that city in the 1890's, which was succeeded in 1900 by the Grand Rapids Railway. We'll probably switch the listing of this token presently.

Bob Butler calls our attention to a couple of errors in the July listings. The token switched from Athens, Ohio, to Athens, Georgia, should be listed as Ga 50 C, and not 35 D. We got our city numbers mixed up. Also, Ill 1000 A,B,C, should be described as being "like 150 AD" so as not to create any possible confusion.

Clarence Heppner found a nice Iowa 75 A this summer, but when John Coffee saw it he thought it looked different from the Ia 75 A that Joe Allis owns. He got rubbings of both tokens, and sure enough they are quite different in appearance. The main difference is that Allis' token has a comma after "Belmond," while Heppner's token has no comma. So you can put those two down as Iowa 75 Aa and Ab, in that order, in your catalogues, as important minor die varieties.

= CITIES SERVICE STREETCAR TOKENS =

Joe Kotler sends us some interesting information about four of our streetcar tokens: Ga 50 A; NC 240 A; Ohio 505 A and 860 C. It seems that during the 1920's the Cities Service Company, which now sells gasoline (and recently changed its name to "Citgo"), operated various streetcar lines. The tokens used on its lines all had a common reverse type, being a representation of the famous Cities Service emblem (still used on its gasoline stations). In the Catalogue we simply have "design" down for this type of reverse, but check your tokens and you'll see that they have the familiar gas station emblem, all of them.

= AUGUST PARKING TOKEN SUPPLEMENT TO ATWOOD'S CATALOGUE =

By Duane H. Feisel

ARIZONA

Phoenix 3640 (Reported by H.C. Schmal)

CONTINENTAL NATIONAL BANK (EAGLE)

C B 23 Sd Courtesy Parking $0.25

CALIFORNIA

Santa Monica 3835 (Reported by John Clymer)

DOUGLAS AIRCRAFT CO. MSSD

E Bz 25 Sd Parking Token .25

FLORIDA

Fort Pierce 3290 (Reported by Don Edkins)

METER TOKEN PARK AND SHOP FORT PIERCE, FLA.

A Fr 21 Sd Compliments of Downtown Merchants Assn. Parking Only .15

B A 21 Sd " " " " " " .15

ILLINOIS

Chicago 3150 (Reported by Gerald Sochor & Mrs. Judy Sabel)

GARFIELD PARK COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

AM B 23 Sd Visitors Parking Token .25

LEO ANDREWS

AN B 23 Sd Parking Token 1.00

LEO ANDREWS 2530 CLUB

AO B 23 Sd (blank)(on obverse, 2530 CLUB on one line) 1.00

AP B 23 Sd " " " " " " two lines) 1.00

Elgin 3270 (Reported by Harold Ford)

HOME SAVING & LOAN ASSN. ELGIN, ILL.

A B 23 Sd (blank) .25

HOME SAVINGS & LOAN ASSN. ELGIN, ILL.

B B 23 Sd (blank) .25

HOME SAVINGS & LOAN ASSN. ELGIN, ILLINOIS

C B 23 Sd (blank) .25

(a. obverse: top of ASSN. aligns E - S)

(b. obverse: top of ASSN. aligns above E - S)

MARYLAND

Cambridge 3220 (Reported by Benjamin G. Egerton)

SHOP AND SAVE CAMBRIDGE MD.

A B 23 Sd Good Only In Parking Lot Meters .15

MICHIGAN

Kalamazoo 3530 (Reported by Harold Ford)

McKERRING'S CAFE FREE PARKING (GATE)

B Bz 25 Sd Parcoa Token (gate)(Rev. C,D) .25

MINNESOTA

Rochester 3720 (Reported by Al Zaika as to location; formerly Unid. 3028)

KAHLER-ZUMBRO GUEST PARKING

A B 23 Sd (same as obverse) .25

(a. propellor points obverse: bet. AH - R; reverse A - R

(b. " " " & reverse A - R)

MISSOURI

St. Louis 3910 (Reported by Mrs. Mary Allen)

BIEDERMANS PARKING

B B 23 Sd Midwest Largest Home Furnishers .25

(Previously listed as III 3250 E, 3/65)

MISSOURI (continued)

St. Louis 3910 (continued)
BIEDERMAN'S PARKING
C B 23 Sd Midwest Largest Home Furnishers (four lines) $0.25
D B 23 Sd " " " " (three lines) .25

NEW YORK

Endicott 3240 (Reported by Mrs. Allen)
IBM
D B 19 Sd Parking IBM Endicott .25

New York City (Manhattan) 3630 (Reported by Foster Pollack)
EDISON "PARK 'N LOCK" GARAGE LINCOLN CENTER NEW YORK CITY
A o Pb 32 Sd Good For $1.00 In Parking Amer. Vecturist Ass'n /Convention Aug. 6-7-8 1965 (all letters incuse white) 1.00

Patterns 3998 (Reported by Pollack)
A Pb 32 Pc (like 3630 A)

OHIO

Miscellaneous 3999 (Reported by Rev. Jack Backora)
UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH BELLVILLE OHIO
A B 26 Sd Park Free While You Worship

PENNSYLVANIA

Homestead 3463 (Reported by Harry C. Bartley)
STEEL VALLEY C. OF C. SHOP HOMESTEAD
B B 23 Sd Good In Parking Lot and Street Meters .15
(a. Reverse: I of PARKING points down to center of T in LOT)
(b. Reverse: it points down to left of center of T in LOT)

Philadelphia 3750 (Relisting of tokens previously reported 2/65,3/65; I by Edkins)
COCCO PARKING 317 RACE ST. PHILA, PA.
F B 25 Sd (blank) .50
(a. no counterstamp)
(b. counterstamp obverse & reverse)
(Counterstamps consist of letters & numerals either for a specific user or for special favors; no material effect on usage.)
G B 25 Pc (blank) .50
(a. pierced one hole)
(b. pierced two holes)
(Piercing appears in different locations for specific users; no material effect on usage.)
H (new designation for token listed as Pa 3750 G, 4/65)
TEMPLE UNIVERSITY
I B 19 Sd Parking Check .50

Pottstown 3780 (Reported by DHF)
THE SECURITY TRUST COMPANY POTTSTOWN, PA.
B B 23 Sd (blank) .50

Uniontown 3930 (Reported by Roy Scott)
FAYETTE BANK & TRUST COMPANY UNIONTOWN, PA.
C B 23 Sd For Use In Parking Lot Only .25

TEXAS

Fort Worth 3340 (Reported by T.M. Murdock)
FORT WORTH CHILDREN HOSPITAL
E WM 23 Sd (blank) .25

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Washington 3500 (Reported by Julius Sherr; C listed previously as Unid. 3025, located by A.D. Jordan, Jr.)

UPTOWN PARKING SERVICE INC. (GATE)

A o Bz 25 Sd Parcoa Token (gate)(Rev. A) $0.50

CASUALTY HOSPITAL (GATE)

B Bz 25 Sd Parcoa Token (gate)(Rev. C,D) .25

AFIP (Armed Forces Institute of Pathology)

C B 25 Sd Good For Parking Only (Vars.)

UNIDENTIFIED (Reported by Kotler, Schmalgemeier, Ford)

JEFFERSON BUILDING (GATE)

3030 Bz 25 Sd Parcoa Token (gate)(Rev. A)

U-AUTO PARK B-G LTD (GATE)

3031 Bz 25 Sd Parcoa Token (gate)(Rev. B)

CLEARING PARKING LOT (GATE)

3032 Bz 25 Sd Parcoa Token (gate)(Rev. C)

T & P PARKING LOT (GATE)

3033 Bz 25 Sd Parcoa Token (gate)(Rev. C)

PEOPLE'S AUTO PARK (GATE)

3034 Bz 25 Sd Parcoa Token (gate)(Rev. C)

PARKING TOKEN MANUFACTURERS' SAMPLES

Group 3005 (Reported by DHF)

GLOBE TICKET CO. GT

A B 23 Sd "Parkontrol R"

ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS

Calif 3090 A: delete "Lot" from reverse.

Ill 3250 B: reported 1/65; on obverse ILL. and not "ILLINOIS"

Mich 3370 G: reported 4/65; change listing to

(a. no counterstamp)

(b. counterstamp on reverse)

(counterstamped various initials; no material effect on usage.)

Miss 3460 A: reported 2/65; correct location is Vicksburg 3900; correct cat. value is $0.50.

NY 3220 A: reported 6/65; size is 21mm, not 23mm.

Pa 3450 A: reported 3/65; correct city is Havertown, same code.

Unid. 3004: on obverse, AVE. and not AVENUE

= PARKING TOKEN NOTES BY DUANE H. FEISEL =

After a lapse of one month due to the July issue being printed and mailed from the West Coast, we really have an extensive listing for this month. Even though I will be on the West Coast myself for a full month, returning in the middle of September, I hope that reports of new tokens will continue to arrive. My absence from home for a month will mean a probable delay in any correspondence.

The new token from Phoenix was placed in use on May 25, 1965. The tokens permit free parking in the bank parking lot for their patrons.

A previous listing (4/65) describes the usage of the Santa Monica tokens. Apparently two separate batches of tokens were obtained. No further information is available.

No information has been obtained on the Fort Pierce tokens as all my letters have been ignored. I suspect that since the tokens are the same size as a 5¢ piece, there may have been some questions raised in Fort Pierce by federal officials.

The Garfield Park Hospital token permits visitors free exit from a gate-controlled lot. It was placed in use in 1963.

The tokens for Leo Andrews were first used in 1958, and are listed chronologically. Patrons of the cocktail lounge receive a token permitting free exit from a

gate-controlled lot; others pay a $1.00 parking fee.

Even though the cash parking fee for use of the Home Savings and Loan Association is $1.25, the catalogue value listed reflects the price at which the tokens have been made available to collectors. Tokens, first used in December, 1962, permit free exit from the bank's gate-controlled lot.

Despite denials from Cambridge city officials, tokens are used there as I learned on a recent trip through the city. The tokens are given out to customers by various merchants, but the plan has not been well accepted.

Customers of McKerrings Cafe and others who pay parking rental are provided the tokens to permit exit from the lot owned by the cafe. Others pay 25¢ for 12 hours parking. The tokens were initially used in 1959. This same token has been reported with a center hole, but management of the cafe emphatically deny that the tokens have been used in that condition.

The only information on the Rochester, Minn., token was obtained from an AAA tour book, as Hotel Kahler and Hotel Zumbro were listed.

While Biederman's Furniture has several branches, the tokens are used at the downtown St. Louis store. Thus the previous listing from East St. Louis, Ill., was in error.

The usage of the new IBM token is the same as previously reported in December, 1964. This token can be obtained by a direct request to the company along with a stamped self-addressed envelope. The earlier reported 23mm tokens are also still available if you need them, presumably.

For the AVA convention in New York, special permission was obtained from the City for use of a parking token in conjunction with an underground parking facility located near the convention hotel. These tokens could be applied toward the parking fee and were worth $1.00; the tokens were redeemed from the parking people for $1.25 each. Usage was restricted to the dates of the convention only. A total of 300 pieces were made of which ten pieces, listed as patterns, were pierced with a non-circular hole to serve as samples to the garage attendants and convention committee.

The token used in our friend Jack Backora's church is currently used as a promotional piece and does not serve to control parking. It is eventually planned to install a parking gate as the property is improved, and then the token will serve a parking purpose, at which time it will be listed in the regular category. This token, along with another "good for a free sermon," can be obtained directly from Rev. Backora for $1.00 plus a stamped addressed envelope.

Expanded possibility of usage of the Homestead, Pa., token plan is indicated by the new listing. Here the tokens are given by merchants to customers with a purchase. I would venture to say that tokens are more successfully used here than any other community I know about. An interesting fact provided several years ago was that the C. of C. had gone through over 100,000 tokens which seem to have disappeared. This helps to account for the many varieties extant for the A listing. A further comment: a study is now underway of the reverse die varieties of the type represented on the A token as well as many other Pennsylvania listings. This information will hopefully be ready for the September issue as this is one project I plan to complete during my West Coast jaunt.

Please note carefully the revised listings presented for Philadelphia. Some of the designations previously reported have been slightly changed. Inasmuch as the Cocco counterstamp varieties will be made in any combination upon request, there is no reason to list each of these numerously reported c/s. I think the revised listing appropriately represents the situation.

The new token for Temple University is a real enigma as the director of parking there disclaims absolutely any knowledge of the small size token. My check for $30 for a supply of the new tokens was sent with a detailed drawing of same in hopes that this could produce the tokens. I now have a goodly supply of Pa 3750 B which was accompanied with a note stating "not returnable." The new tokens have reportedly turned up at a certain Midwest location.

During a recent trip to Pottstown in an attempt to locate some of the A reverse varieties of Pa 3780 A (almost completely unsuccessful as only one piece was found), information was obtained that "the bank across the street" also used tokens. That was a real surprise as I had personally visited the source of Pa 3780 A three times

in the past year! The tokens have been in use for 3 years. Either a token, given free to bank patrons, or a 50¢ coin, is required for exit from the gate-controlled lot near the bank.

Only the tokens given free to customers of the Fayette Bank and Trust Company will actuate the gate to permit exit from the bank parking lot.

In Fort Worth, the Children's Hospital has apparently decided to use a different size token in their exit parking gate which operates with a token (given free to guests of the hospital) or 25¢. Note the spelling error on the token.

Recently while in Washington, D.C., on business, I found time to visit the local Parcoa representative. Somehow I happened to mention the new A and B tokens, reported to me some months ago, and was amazed to find the location as well as information about the tokens. The Uptown Parking token was previously used in a gate-controlled lot near a shopping center where many of the stores have "Uptown" in their names. The tokens were apparently sold to merchants who gave them out to customers with purchases. A new apartment building now stands where the lot had been situated. Inquiries of merchants in the shopping center brought forth none of the tokens, and it appears this token may be a real scarce one.

At Casualty Hospital, the tokens are given free to visitors and patients to permit free exit from the hospital-owned parking lot.

Inasmuch as the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology, located at Walter Reed Army Hospital, is a government installation, the AFIP tokens are extremely difficult to obtain. Don't even waste your time writing. The tokens are provided to visitors to permit entrance to a lot reserved for workers at AFIP. Regular employees have parking cards which actuate the gate. Note that while (Vars.) are indicated, none are described. Here again there appears to be a standard reverse die type (see MSPT group 3054 A) in use which exists in at least 3 minor varieties; a study of this reverse die should be ready for the September issue.

The large batch of unidentified Parcoa tokens were all located in the Chicago area. This may or may not be of significance since the manufacturer of the Parcoa tokens is also located in Chicago.

Globe Ticket Company, well known for their extensive activity in ticket printing, have recently entered the field of parking control including gates. They have had for some time the well known "ticket spitters." As yet no tokens are known for any of their gate installations, but these will probably appear with time.

Of the various additions & corrections this month, mention should be made of the reason for changes in Mich 3370 G. The tokens are reported to occur with a wide variety of counterstamped initials corresponding to the many doctors at the facility who provide tokens to their patients. Thus listing each c/s would not serve any purpose as usage of the token is not materially affected.

Of the listings this month, some have already been sent to members of PTNIS, others are on hand and will be sent upon my return from the West in September, and others are expected depending on the cooperation of the users. Those already sent are Ill 3150 AM, 3270 C; Pa 3930 C; on hand for PTNIS members are Md 3220 A; NY 3630 A; Pa 3780 B; Tex 3340 E; others expected are Mich 3530 A; Pa 3463 A; DC 3500 C, plus several others to be listed next month. Those of you with low PTNIS balances should built up the reserve as you can see there is a lot of activity in new issues.

As previously indicated a separate catalogue of parking tokens is in the offing with a target date of January, 1966. A survey form asking for certain parking token census information (to help in pricing in the new book) plus opinions of collectors of parking tokens on a variety of subjects such as listing wooden tokens, listing varieties, pricing, etc., is being prepared. This survey form will be sent to all subscribers to PTNIS and to all others requesting. Since this new catalogue will be written with the collector in mind, it is hoped that all those interested, who are not in PTNIS, will wish also to participate.

My mailing address is still the same: Duane H. Feisel - P.O. Box 215 - Medfield, Massachusetts 02052.

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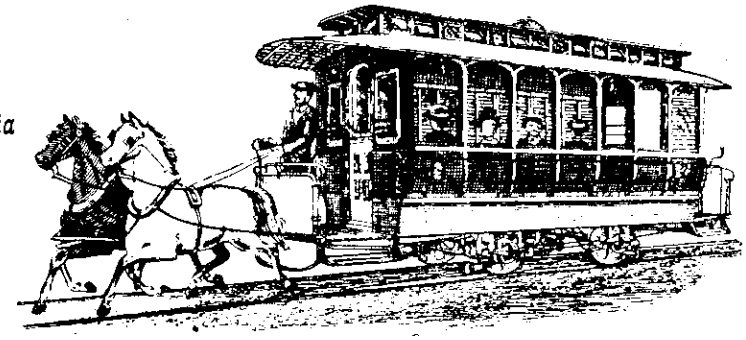

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LOS ANGELES CHOSEN FOR 1966 A.V.A. CONVENTION

By a vote of 4 to 2, the Executive Board of the American Vecturist Association voted to hold the 1966 Annual Convention in the Los Angeles area. This was the most sought-after convention in history, with Chicago and Los Angeles bidding against each other furiously for the honor of holding the convention. Although the date has not been set officially, I presume the meeting will be on August 5,6,7. With our very active new Curator, Bob Ritterband, in charge of arrangements, we may expect this to be one of the nicest A.V.A. Conventions ever held.

While we had hoped to include ballots with this issue on the pending constitutional amendment, they have not arrived, so we shall have to await the October Fare Box for that plebiscite. In regard to that amendment, which would allow for A.V.A. officers a two-year term, instead of the present single year term, the only reply to Donald Mazeau's vigorous dissent printed last month came from our President, Daniel DiMichael. Dan says that, under the present arrangement, an officer is barely voted into office before the Call For Nominations is issued, and the campaign begins again. On the other hand, Bob Ritterband joins Mazeau in opposing the change, with the comments that (1) the cost of elections should be no factor because it isn't very much, and anyway we haven't even had to use ballots on many occasions because of the lack of opposing candidates...and (2) as some officers have been elected to serve three terms or more, if these had been tw-year terms, these same officers would be serving for years and years, and Bob thinks there should be more opportunity for more members to serve as officers. He even suggests a two-term limit for officers.

With the sudden appearance of more and more of a certain six Canadian tokens, the Editor decided it was time to issue a warning to our newer collectors, lest they buy the so-called "die varieties" at fancy prices, instead of the originals. So we have an article in this issue explaining what we know about these six tokens (B.C. 700 A B C, 850 A B, and Manitoba 900 E), and showing the difference between the originals, and the ones that have suddenly started showing up in brand-new condition, in groups of six. We are grateful to Paul Targonsky for sending excellent aluminum pressings, and explanations, to aid us in this article.

The Fare Box could use more good articles on tokens: histories of token-using firms, stories of how you found your rare ones, etc. The same small group seems to

provide most of the material that we publish. Surely some of the other four hundred plus members of the A.V.A. could enlighten us on some fascinating by-ways of collecting transportation tokens.

We are pleased to announce the marriage of two A.V.A. members: Benedean Kelt and Walt Fairfield. This is the first time, to my knowledge, that two A.V.A. members have married, and we send our congratulations to Walt, and our best wishes to the new Mrs. Fairfield.

The next meeting of the North East Vecturist Association will be held in Allis' Italian Restaurant, 48 East 29th Street, New York City, beginning about 9 a.m. on Saturday, November 13. NEVA meetings are always interesting; there are always coffee and doughnuts beforehand, and a wonderful lunch. Anyone sharing an interest in tokens is always welcome.

Harry Bartley sent us a notice for the next Pittsburgh meeting (it just got in under the wire) which will be held Sunday, October 24, in Room 206 of the Downtown YMCA, Wood Street & 3rd Avenue, Pittsburgh. Meeting begins at 2 p.m., daylight time. For details call Harry Bartley at 412-761-7412.

While we're announcing meetings, we should note that the Seattle Transportation Token Club meets the 2nd Friday of every month in the main branch of the Seattle Public Library, and visitors are always welcome at meetings of this, the world's oldest transportation token society.

We neglected to mention it last month, except in the Convention Minutes, that Sam Rabinowitz was awarded the annual "Fare Box Award" for his fine study of celluloid and vulcanite transportation tokens. This award will be made each year hereafter, and presented to the member who has had published in The Fare Box the most scholarly and informative article on transportation tokens. The Editor, who is the only member not eligible to receive the award, will be the sole judge. The award, according to present plans, will take the form of a sterling silver striking of the A.V.A. Convention tour token used at the convention at which the award is made. Only one such token in sterling silver will be struck, so the award will at least assure its recipient of owning something unique. Of course the token will not be listed as a regular issue, but it will be included in a special list, to be included in the 3rd Edition of Atwood, which will describe all off-metal strikings of tokens.

There seems to be some difficulty among members in differentiating between some of the colors of vulcanite, celluloid, fibre, and plastic tokens. One of the most difficult problems is in telling which token is "yellow" and which is "lemon." Well, according to the Chairman of the Catalogue Committee, who has the last word on such things, "lemon" is yellower than yellow. That is, "yellow" has a little more red in it, and "lemon" has a little more white in it. Another problem is in telling the difference between the red and the carmine celluloids. Just remember that the carmine celluloids are very highly translucent, almost transparent. Hold a carmine up to the light and you can always see the wording on the other side showing through. The red ones usually allow some light through, but not nearly as much.

Make the deadline for the October issue October 30.

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= PRICES REALIZED IN MAZEAU'S AUGUST AUCTION =

Cal 50 B.....$1.45	Ill 150 C.....$6.75	Ky 510 AC....$14.25	Pa 575 B.....$1.75
Cal 745 B..... 2.75	Ill 200 F..... 5.25	Mass 115 K.... 3.25	Tex 255 A..... 6.25
Haw 330 B..... 3.00	Ill 385 A..... 5.25	Mo 830 A..... 5.00	Wisc 980 A..... 7.50
Ill 120 B..... 4.00	Ind 90 B..... 6.25	Pa 280 A..... 2.05	Idaho 520 A,
Ill 125 A..... 9.50			(census token).37.50

= CANADIAN SO-CALLED "DIE VARIETIES" =

On page 320 of the Atwood Catalogue there is mention of "so-called die varieties" of six Canadian tokens: BC 700 A,B,C, 850 A,B, and Manitoba 900 A. (The note actually refers to Manitoba 900 E.) These six tokens began showing up, always together in groups of six, in brand new condition, about 3 years ago. While we do not know the origin of these things, and therefore cannot state categorically that they are counterfeits, there is sufficient doubt about them to justify a warning to collectors who may have bought them at high prices, thinking they are getting the originals. The originals are all scarce, whereas these "die varieties" are quite plentiful.

It is the personal opinion of the Editor that these six "die varieties" are modern made imitations of the original tokens. It is up to each collector to buy what he wants to buy, but from now on, advertisements for BC 700 A,B,C, 850 A,B, and Manitoba 900 E, will be accepted only for the original tokens, and persons advertising any of these six tokens, for trade, auction, or cash sale, must state in the ad that they are the ORIGINALS. If an ad lists any of these 6 tokens and does not include words to the effect that they are originals, I will not list them in the ad.

If anyone can come up with evidence that these 6 "die varieties" were actually struck at the time that these firms were using tokens, we shall welcome it and print it. I do not think anyone will come up with such evidence. One look, for instance, at the "die variety" that purports to be Manitoba 900 E is enough to satisfy most collectors that it was struck a long time after the date 1898 that appears on the token.

We are listing some of the differences between the original tokens and the "die varieties" below, so collectors can know what they are buying:

B.C. 700 A - *ORIGINAL: No dot after AVE on reverse. Letters in CLOVERDALE AVE are almost 3mm high.*
THE "OTHER ONE": There is a dot after AVE. Letters in CLOVERDALE AVE. are just a shade over 2mm high. The first "A" in SAANICH on the obverse is doubled.

B.C. 700 B - *ORIGINAL: The bottom star on the reverse points up toward the "E" in LAKEHILL. There is no dot between the "E" and "H" of LAKEHILL.*
THE "OTHER ONE": The bottom star on reverse points up toward the "H" in LAKEHILL. There is a dot between the "E" and "H" of LAKEHILL.

B.C. 700 C - *ORIGINAL: There is a star in the center of obverse. "M.B." is in a straight line, somewhat up and away from the circle of dots that forms the border.*
THE "OTHER ONE": No star in center of obverse. "M.B." is curved along the circle of dots that forms the border.

B.C. 850 A,B - *ORIGINALS: Center decoration on obverse has 8 points. The twin decorations on reverse have 3 feathers each. Letters in TILLICUM are evenly sized and arranged.*
THE "OTHER ONES": Center decoration on obverse has 6 points. The twin decorations on reverse have 5 small feathers each. The 2nd "L" in TILLICUM is slightly below the first "L".

MANITOBA 900 E - *ORIGINAL: Even lettering on obverse. Small 8-pointed decoration at at bottom of obverse. Even neat lettering on reverse. The "1" of 1898 is 3mm away from the "N" of ONE.*
THE "OTHER ONE": Lettering on obverse is crowded and uneven; the "R" in RIVER is taller than the "E" next to it. Large 4-pointed decoration at bottom of obverse. Large lettering on reverse. The "1" of 1898 is only 1mm from the "N" of ONE.

FOR SALE: Conn 290 N; Ky 510 BS; Mass 355 C; NH 640 M; Ontario 900 C, at 20¢ each. Conn 305 R; Mass 135 D, at 30¢ each, plus stamped envelope. For beginners only, 25 different, $3.15; 50 different, $6.25.
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= SWEDISH FERRY TOKENS TO AID FOREIGN CATALOGUE =

Late next year the American Vecturist Association hopes to publish *The Smith Catalogue of World Transportation Tokens* which will describe every known fare token used outside the United States. This Catalogue will be made to the same high standards as the present Atwood Catalogue which covers the domestic token scene. Through the generosity of a public-spirited individual in Europe we can offer now two new ferry tokens from Göteborg, Sweden, to benefit this foreign catalogue.

The two tokens available are the red and blue plastic pieces inscribed GÖTEBORGS FÄRJTRAFIK on both sides. These are listed as Sweden 240 GA and GB on page 101 of the June 1965 Fare Box. These are the first non-metallic tokens from Scandinavia and make handsome additions to any collection. The price is 50¢ per token, $1 for the pair, plus self-addressed stamped envelope. All funds from the sale of these tokens will be turned over to the foreign catalogue fund. Here is your chance to add two nice tokens to your collection and help the foreign catalogue at the same time. Interest in foreign tokens is expected to increase greatly with the publication of the new foreign catalogue. Start now and beat the high prices. Members of Nicolosi New Issues Service will receive these ferry tokens automatically, so they won't need to order unless they want extras. The offer is good only during October, or till the current supply is exhausted. Order them now from J.M. Kotler - P.O. Box 248 - Glencoe, Illinois 60022.

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= SEPTEMBER NEW ISSUES SERVICE REPORT =
By John G. Nicolosi

Another good month for foreign tokens. You will receive the following ten: 7 from Colchester, England; 2 from Göteborg, Sweden (240 GA and GB); one from Glasgow, Scotland. Our usual thanks to Joe Kotler for making these available to us. Although these foreigns and others I've been sending out aren't listed, they soon will be, as work is progressing on the foreign catalogue. Watch for foreign catalogue supplements, which will soon be resumed, for catalogue numbers on these.

From the U.S. you will also receive NY 36 H, and DC 500 AG. Our sincere thanks to Julius Sherr for getting the latter token for us. Now as in the past Mr. Sherr has been very helpful to the New Issues Service, thereby making our job a bit easier.

Please check your respective cities for school tokens because this is the time of year for new ones to appear. We have several more new tokens in view shortly, so till next month happy collecting. We welcome Charles Heaton this month to the N.I.S.

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= CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION HOLDS 50th MEETING =

The 50th meeting of the California Association of Transportation Token Collectors was held Sunday, September 19, at the Ontra Cafeteria, Los Angeles. Eleven members and two guests were present: Atwood, Crusen, Cutler, Dunlap, Miller, Ritterband, Sherman, Ken Smith, Mr. & Mrs. F.G. Smith, Elaine Willahan, and Mr. & Mrs. Robert Carlisle of San Diego who were welcomed to their first meeting. Bob Ritterband, our new AVA Curator, was congratulated by all on his recent victory, and then the discussion centered around the AVA Convention for 1966, which is to be held in Los Angeles. Several committees were appointed by Mr. Ritterband, the Convention Chairman. A facsimile ditto copy of the first issue of The Fare Box, July 1947, was given those present and is the first in a series intended for sale in order to add to the CATTC's treasury fund. Elaine Willahan's invitation to the membership to hold their November 14 meeting at her home in Los Angeles was accepted with enthusiasm.

The usual token trading and selling rounded out the balance of the meeting.

- Edrick J. Miller

= SEPTEMBER SUPPLEMENT TO ATWOOD'S CATALOGUE =
By Ralph Freiberg

NEW JERSEY
Communipaw 175 (Reported by Sam Rabinowitz)
COMMUNIPAW FERRY PASS ONE ONE HORSE TRUCK H P BALDWIN (in script)
/(NUMERAL)
A o B 45 Sd (blank)(obverse letters are incuse) $5.00

NEW YORK
Auburn 35 (Reported by the New Issues Service)
AUBURN TRANSIT CORP. AUBURN, N.Y.
H B 23 A Good For One City Fare [* 8/8/65] .20

WISCONSIN
Sparta 840 (Reported by Gerald Johnson)
T. SERTON CITY BUSS AND BAGGAGE SPARTA, WIS.
A o B 30 Sd Good For 1 Ride 5.00

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Washington 500 (Reported by Julius A. Sherr)
WASH. VA. & MD. C. CO. VIRGINIA LINES
AG WM 23 W Good For One Fare [* 8/15/65] .25

UNIDENTIFIED (Reported by Marie A. Johnson)
GOOD FOR 1 RIDE IN JACOBSON'S CARRIAGE ONE MILE LIMIT
102 B 25 Sd Good Only From 8 A.M. to 7 P.M. and From D.W. Depot

TIMETABLES (Reported by Joseph Allis)
LONG'S TRANSFER CO., INC. GO EVERYWHERE MEETS ALL TRAINS
/LYNCHBURG, VA. (AUTO)
U o B 32 Sd Membership Emblem of the Dont Worry Club Good Luck (emblem)

= NOTES BY RALPH FREIBERG +

This month we are listing a ferry token from Communipaw, N.J., which operated over to New York City where the main landing point was Liberty Street. Mr. Rabinowitz believes this token was used between 1875 and 1900. There will be an article in a future issue of The Fare Box with more details about this ferry. The numeral on Sam's token is 223, but no doubt each token had a different number on it. Communipaw is now a suburb of Jersey City.

Next we come to a token for Auburn, N.Y. The previous Auburn Bus Company stopped running in June, 1954, so mark NY 35 G obsolete. Then the Auburn Transit Corp. took over operations in November, 1954, and continued with a 15¢ fare until August 8, 1965, when the fare went to 20¢ with tokens at 5/80. In the future whenever I know the date a token has been issued, it will be marked [* 8/8/65]. Information on when the company was in existence will be like this: [1954-].

We have another Wisconsin depotel, from Sparta. Geraldn Johnson has done his best to learn the story of this one, but no one he talked to seems to remember the firm that operated the line. Perhaps some day he'll run down the information.

More tokens were needed this year by the W.V. & M. Coach Co. of Washington. The ownership of this firm changed hands in 1963, so when the new tokens were ordered they dropped mention of "Arnold Lines," and substituted "Virginia Lines" instead. Arnold Lines operated from 1926 to 1963, and were taken over in that year by D.C. Transit, and renamed Virginia Lines. DC 500 AA was issued in 1947 and 500 AB was issued [* 7/7/58]. When fares of this company were raised this year effective April 11, 1965, from 25¢ to 30¢ cash, instead of hiking the price of tokens they left them alone, but now require a token plus 5¢, and then each additional zone requires another 5¢. Their longest ride would be 30¢ plus 5 zones, or a total of

55¢, or a token plus 30¢. We have been very fortunate in getting information from Julius Sherr on the tokens of Washington, D.C. A lot of lines issue pamphlets and schedules, which mention fares, and he always sends these on to us. If anyone from other cities should pick up an extra schedule that mentions fares, please see if you can send us one of them.

Marie Johnson thinks the Jacobson Carriage maverick is from Kansas, although a search of a 1904 business guide for that state does not list the firm. The token was found in Kansas. Now if any of our sleuths can figure out what the "D.W. Depot" was, perhaps we can find a home for this very unusual and interesting depotel token.

Larry Freeman mentions a variety of Iowa 850 W. This token was issued possibly around 1946 or 1947, and in the years from 1948 to 1952 I had an opportunity of examining various tokens in several transit companies (their "foreigns"), and never noted any variety of this token. So in the last few years I've never had an opportunity of checking these tokens for varieties. As this token remained in use till November, 1962, somewhere along the way another batch of tokens was ordered. The original tokens have the word CITY on the obverse spread a little, whereas on the later batch, these letters are closer together. So when a token has been in use for a period of, say, 15 years, there could well be die varieties. Most of us have had these tokens from the time they first went into use, and never had an opportunity to check the tokens in use during the last five years. At present, 850 W is obsolete; the fare is now 25¢ straight. Possibly they will appear again if the fare goes up to 30¢, with a token rate.

Another variety reported to us, by J. Douglas Ferguson, is NH 240 A. This was listed in the March 1956 Fare Box, so tokens have been in use over 9 years. Apparantly they needed more tokens. The new die variety appears to be quite different; apparently the tokens were manufactured by a different firm. The wording and style are almost the same, however. Some collectors don't care about reverse varieties, but there is more interest about varieties of the obverses of tokens. So let us know if your learn of die varieties of tokens. Incidentally, I need one of the varieties of NH 240 A; if anyone has been examining them and has an extra, please let me know.

There are some very interesting die varieties of tokens issued in years gone by. Such as Ohio 230 L. This token was first used in 1919 or 1920, and then discontinued in August, 1921, and the fare remained 5¢ from 8/27/21 until 1/21/49, when these same tokens were put back into circulation! More tokens were also ordered, and our Catalogue mentions that there are die varieties. Tokens were discontinued from 1951 until 1956, when the fare was 10¢ straight. Then tokens were used again from 1956 to 1958, discontinued in 1958 when the fare was 15¢ straight. Then in 1961 they were put back into use again! Tokens are used at present; the fare is 25¢ straight or 5/$1. So in Dayton--and in many other cities--it has been "off again on again" in the use of tokens. And today, when you buy a token in Dayton you are just as likely to buy a token that was used 45 years ago as one that was issued in 1947.

The Ohio 230 O token is now obsolete, incidentally, and the St. John buses are using 230 L instead.

Recently reported to me were varieties of the size of holes on Fla 380 D. Jacksonville is one city I've never visited, and I know nothing about the Florida Ferry Company. I know the tokens were listed in Morganthau's Catalogue published in 1943. But I don't know when the token was issued solid, and when it was pierced. I have had two varieties of the hole on this token for some time. I don't know if a token was made with a small hole, then re-drilled with a larger hole, or what. I wrote to someone down there trying to find out about the Florida Ferry Company, but didn't receive an answer. If any reader can tell us about this firm, please do so.

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Syracuse (N.Y.) Transit Corp. has put into effect a new token rate of 25¢ for adults and 10¢ for children....Cincinnati Transit has hiked adult tokens from 5/$1.20 to 5/$1.25; student tokens from 10/$1.40 to 10/$1.50; children's tokens from 5/70 to 5/75; these are all convenience rates; there's no longer a discount on token rates.

= SEPTEMBER PARKING TOKEN SUPPLEMENT TO ATWOOD'S CATALOGUE =

By Duane H. Feisel

ARIZONA

Phoenix 3640 (Reported by J.D. Ferguson; located by H.C. Schmal)
WESTERN PARKING W
D WM 25 Sd (same as obverse) $0.50

CALIFORNIA

Long Beach 3445 (Reported by J.D. Ferguson)
LONG BEACH YMCA
A B 25 Sd Spirit Mind Body (triangle) .25
B WM 25 Sd " " " " .20

INDIANA

East Chicago 3230 (Reported by N.E.V.A.)
B.P.O.E. #981
B B 23 Sd East Chicago, Ind. .25

KENTUCKY

Newport 3640 (Reported by Don Edkins; located by Harold Ford)
KENTUCKY ENTERPRISES FEDERAL SAVINGS & LOAN ASSOCIATION
A B 23 Sd Free Parking Lot (Vars.) .25
a. (Obverse: shape of &, rounded top)
b. (Obverse: shape of &, square top)
(FEDERAL, SAVINGS, and LOAN on straight lines)
B B 23 Sd (like A, but FEDERAL, SAVINGS, and LOAN on curved lines) .25

NEW YORK

Plattsburgh 3735 (Reported by Sam Rabinowitz & Daniel DiMichael)
FEDERAL SAVINGS
A B 23 Sd Ames .25
(Champlain Valley Federal Savings & Loan Assn., Ames Furniture Store)

Poughkeepsie 3760 (Reported by Edward M. Vickers)
RAYMOND AVE. PARKING POK., N.Y.
A B 25 Sd Good For Parking Only .25

OHIO

Cincinnati 3165 (Reported by N.E.V.A.)
CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL VOLUNTEERS CINCINNATI
H Bz 23 Sd (blank) .25
CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL VISITOR CINCINNATI OHIO
I Bz 25 Sd (blank) .25

WISCONSIN

Oshkosh 3620 (Reported by A.H. Erickson & Gerald Johnson)
BE OUR GUEST HOTEL RAULF OSHKOSH, WIS.
A B 23 Sd (same as obverse) .50

UNIDENTIFIED (Reported by Grant Schmalgemeier)
EDGEWOOD PARKING LOT (GATE)
3035 Bz 25 Sd Parcoa Token (gate)(Rev. C)

ADDITIONS & CORRECTIONS

Calif 3835 B: metal is S, not brass; add (brass-plated)
Ind 3230 A: add (Vars.) - on obverse, propellor points (a) B - 1; (b) B - bet. 81)
Md 3220 A: add (Vars.) - on obverse, position of period after MD.
a. above bottom edge of D
b. even with bottom edge of D

= PARKING TOKEN NOTES BY DUANE H. FEISEL =

My recent trip to the West Coast is now history. While I did spend 3 weeks in San Francisco, I was only able to visit by telephone with the area collectors because of press of business. My stay in San Francisco was interrupted by Labor Day weekend which was spent, unprofitably, in Las Vegas. From San Francisco I went to Albuquerque for four days (which included a weekend), then to Dallas, and finally home after being away for four consecutive weeks. While in Dallas, John Clymer had a gathering of A.V.A. members at his home for a delicious meal and a full evening of talking tokens. John, Mrs. Mary Allen, Maurice & Pat Murdock, and I, covered a lot of ground in the parking token area. One of the real surprised of the discussion was the revelation by Pat Murdock that Calif 3835 B is made of steel, and not brass.

Needless to say, my correspondence is stacked up a mile high. I take care of the most pressing items first, and this includes anything to do with reporting new parking tokens. After three more weeks of travel in October, I then hope to be able to stay closer to home and get to the bottom of that stack as well as to get the new parking token catalogue in shape. Tentative plans are to have everything to the printers by the end of the year, so that the new catalogue (sponsored by the A.V.A.) will be available soon thereafter. To assist in my preparing a catalogue of most value to collectors, I will be sending out a survey form asking for opinions on a variety of subjects such as wooden parking tokens, maximum prices, tokens that should be photographed, etc. This survey will go to all those in the PTNIS, those I actively correspond with in regard to parking tokens, and any others interested who will send a stamped addressed envelope. And now on to the new issues for this month.

The Western Parking token was first placed in use in July, 1965. According to information received, the lot was recently sold to a new owner, and an increase in parking fees from 50¢ to 75¢ will take place soon, at which time the use of tokens will be discontinued. Those desiring this token are advised to write AVA member H.C. Schmal who has thoughtfully supplied this information and has also obtained a supply of the tokens for collectors.

The two YMCA tokens each serve the same purpose--to permit exit from a gate-controlled lot which requires either a token, 50¢ in coin, or one of these special "parkards" to activate the gate. The brass tokens are sold at 25¢ each for casual users of the parking lot; more frequest patrons of the lot can purchase the white metal tokens at 3 for 50¢. The tokens were first used on July 12, 1965.

Obviously a new supply of tokens was required by the Elks in East Chicago. I have been unable to obtain any tokens or information directly from the source, although others have apparently been successful in getting tokens.

The full story is not yet in for the Kentucky Enterprises tokens. A and B seem to be used in different locations, but this is not yet definite. The S & L A has several locations of which two apparently use tokens in conjunction with gate-controlled parking lots.

The token from Plattsburgh was placed in use in May 1965. The tokens are passed out by the bank and the furniture store to patrons who indicate they have parked in the gate-controlled lot by virtue of the ticket issued as they entered the lot.

In Poughkeepsie, the tokens are used in a gate-controlled lot with free entrance - token or 25¢ cash for exit. Merchants in the vicinity of the lot pass out the tokens to customers making a purchase. A supply of these tokens was obtained for the PTNIS through the efforts of Ed Vickers. Those of you desiring the token who are not in the PTNIS can write to Ed for help; send 25¢ and a stamped envelope, and he will send you a token as they become available to him. Do not write the Raymond Avenue Parking Lot, please!

Two parking lots are available for the Children's Hospital, both are gate controlled: one for hospital employees where a token is required for entrance to the lot, and one for visitors where a token is required for exit from the lot. The tokens were placed in use in the summer of 1964.

A lot recently opened adjacent to the Rauif Hotel is used by guests of the hotel. The tokens, of which 1,000 were made, are watched very closely and are used in the gate-controlled lot. Mr. Erickson suggests that collectors do not write the hotel

for tokens as that will only make them more difficult to obtain.

The Unidentified piece listed turned up in the Chicago area. It is possible that the token is from Michigan City, Ind., as I have information that an Edgewood, Inc., in that city had a Parcoa gate installation. My efforts in trying to make a contact there have been futile, however. Who can do the job?

In the Additions & Corrections section are given the listings of some token varieties. This is the style for listings which appears to me to be the most simple and easy to use. Comments will be appreciated.

Of the tokens listed this month, members of the PTNIS will be receiving Calif 3445 A and B, NY 3760 A, and Ohio 3165 H and I (the initial supply received for these two tokens was not sufficient to go around, but more tokens have been ordered and will be sent out to those PTNIS members not receiving them in the most recent shipment). A few openings are still available in the PTNIS for anyone interested--please write me for details. Present PTNIS members should be happy to know that by using printed envelopes, various rubber stamps, and Addressograph plates, the job of mailing out parking token new issues will be made much easier and less time-consuming so that more frequent mailings will be possible.

A word in closing about the Parcoa reverse varieties. The listing is finally made this month after being held out last month for space reasons. One of the things I did accomplish during my western trip was to study closely the Duncan-type reverses, those that say GOOD ONLY IN PARKING LOT METERS. It was thought that these reverses could be broken down into types such as was done for the Parcoa reverses. After I had found a dozen different reverses with still a number of tokens to be examined, the project was abandoned. While a given reverse might have been used for several tokens for different locations, there is not the uniformity as with the Parcoa types. I do know that at least 3 different token manufacturers struck tokens with the Duncan-type reverse. The simple reverse dies were probably not always kept for additional use as is the case for the more elaborate, and thus more costly, Parcoa type reverses. It does appear, however, after a quick survey, that the APD-type (Automatic Parking Devices, MSPT 3054 A) reverse is being reused for various issues of tokens; this is being studied and will be ready for the next issue.

Please get any reports of new discoveries of parking tokens in to me as quickly as possible so that they may be included in the new catalogue. Same address:

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= VARIETIES OF THE STANDARD "PARCOA TOKEN (GATE)" REVERSE DIE =

Within the parking token listings the most plentiful type is that for the parking gates of the Parking Corporation of America, called Parcoa for short. Most of the Parcoa tokens are similar in that they carry on the reverse a common design which is listed as "Parcoa Token (gate)". The obverse is a custon, but usually quite similar, die for the user in question. The metal is usually bronze, the tokens solid, and the size is always 25mm. It was noted that there were several different reverse die varieties which had led to this study.

To date there are 4 distinguishable varieties of the "Parcoa Token (gate)" reverse die. For ease of discussion and listing, these varieties are given letter designations, Rev. A, Rev. B, Rev. C, Rev. D. While various distance measurements may be used to distinguish these varieties, they may be identified solely by visual means. With a bit of practice, especially when the 4 varieties are compared side-by-side, identification can be made in a matter of seconds. It is found helpful to make up a reference set of the 4 varieties which can be used for comparison.

Many differences exist between the varieties, and listed below are those differences which I have found useful in identifying tokens; perhaps you will find other distinguishing features which you find easier to use.

REVERSE A - The left-hand side of the gate aligns with the foot of the upright of P; on each of the other varieties, the alignment is between PA, but closer to P. The width of the line of the circle around the gate is termed "medium."

REVERSE B - The width of the line of the circle is "thin," and the lettering is spaced close to the circle. Notice the pattern of the scrollwork background inside

the letter O of TOKEN (helpful in differentiating B from D).

REVERSE C - The width of the line of the circle is "wide," a very easy identifying feature.

REVERSE D - Very similar to Reverse B. The width of the line of the circle is also "thin," but the letterins is spaced further from the circle as compared to Rev. B (3/4mm compared to ½mm). Also, the pattern of the scrollwork in O is different.

For those who might find distance measurements useful, one such distance which helps to distinguish the varieties is the distance from the outside of the T to the outside of the N, across the top, of the word TOKEN. This distance is: *Rev A, 10mm; Rev B, 10½mm; Rev C, 11½mm; Rev D, 10½mm.* Here again, there is a difficulty in differentiating between B and D.

The reverses are listed in what is probably the chronological order of use in striking by the token manufacturer. From the information obtained from a number of token users as to when they first used tokens, the tokens were probably struck according to the following: *Rev A, 1953-58; Rev B, 1958-59; Rev C, 1959-64; Rev D, 1964 to present.* For the Reverse A usage there may have been an error in the information provided to me, and a beginning date of 1955 might be more accurate. It is hoped that this point can be checked with the token manufacturer. These periods of use of the various dues can be very helpful. For example, if a newly discovered user of the tokens states that tokens were first used in 1956, then one can be sure that at least Rev. A, and possibly some of the later dies, will be found.

The accompanying table lists each of the reported standard Parcoa reverse tokens along with the known reverse varieties of each. There are undoubtedly other reverse varieties yet to be discovered for some of these tokens, and it is hoped that any new findings will be reported to me. For example, if the dates of when tokens were first used were accurately reported to me, then there should be earlier reverse varieties for Ohio 3270 A (which should exist with Rev. A and/or B) and Tex 3340 C.

The table has been designed so that additions to it can easily be made. If you have access to a copying machine, copies can also be useful as check-lists and want-lists. I am asking Mr. Coffee to run off some additional copies of this table which will be available to anyone requesting it, at cost plus postage.

Although a given token may occur with several reverse varieties, I have yet to notice any of these tokens with obverse varieties. Apparently the token manufacturer keeps on file the obverse die for a given user. When a replacement order for tokens comes in, the obverse die on file is used with the reverse die current at the time. In regard to the apparent chronological overlap for use of the dies, what I conclude happens is this: the token manufacturer always has 2 reverse dies on hand--one of these is a working die and the other a spare in the event the working die becomes broken or too worn. When a die is discarded because of damage or wear, the spare is put into regular use and a new die is made to become the spare.

This listing and study of die varieties is the first in a series which will cover each of the so-called standard reverse die types, plus a study of varieties of individually designed tokens. This information will be included in the new parking token catalogue when it appears. Any suggestions, criticisms, comments, corrections, additions, etc., are welcome.

Acknowledgment is made of the help of many collectors in preparing this listing, but especial thanks go to Don Edkins and Quincy Laflin. Without the help of these collectors, this listing would be considerably more incomplete than it probably is. My sincere thanks to each of you who risked eye strain to help.

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Officials of St. Mary's International Bridge, Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., were ready to honor the 2,000,000th motorist to cross the bridge. No. 2,000,000 was a bridge employee! No. 2,000,001 was the bridge maintenance truck! No. 2,000,002 was a large black car with Texas license plates and a driver who made biting remarks to the toll collector about the recent rain, the cold, and his longing for a quick return to warmer climes.

Officials said they would wait, and honor No. 3,000,000 next year.

- Chicago Daily News (9/21/65)

TABLE OF PARCOA TOKEN REVERSE VARIETIES

by Duane H. Feisel

Ark	3405	A			C		Ill	3640	D		B	C		Ohio	3650	A			C
Cal	3450	B	A		C			3795	A				D		3650	B			C
	3450	L	A				Ind	3180	A		B	C			3690	A			C D
	3450	M	A				Iowa	3600	A			C		Okla	3330	A			D
	3450	O	A				Mass	3970	A	A		C	D		3330	B	A		
Conn	3175	A	A					3970	B			C	D		3700	A	A		
	3175	B		B	C	D	Mich	3255	A			C		Pa	3015	A	A		
	3210	B			C			3315	A			C	D		3015	C			D
	3210	C	A					3370	A			C			3725	A	A		
	3210	D			C			3370	B		B				3750	C	A		C
	3210	E	A					3370	C			C	D		3765	F			C
	3385	A	A					3370	D			C			3780	A	A		C D
Del	3900	C	A					3370	E	A				Tex	3255	F			C D
	3999	A			C			3370	F			C			3255	G	A		C
Fla	3840	B		B	C			3530	B			C	D		3255	H			D
	3880	A			C			3870	A			C	D		3255	I			C D
Ill	3150	A		B	C	D		3885	A	A		C			3275	A			C
	3150	F	A		C	D		3885	B			C			3275	B			C D
	3150	L			C	D	Minn	3540	A	A					3340	A			C D
	3150	M	A	B	C		Mo	3400	B		B	C			3340	B			D
	3150	N			C			3450	A			C	D		3340	C			D
	3150	O	A		C		Neb	3700	A	A					3340	D			C
	3150	P	A		C			3700	D	A					3810	A	A	B	C
	3150	Q		B	C		NJ	3300	A			C	D		3810	B			C D
	3150	S	A		C			3390	A	A		C	D		3810	C	A		
	3150	T			C			3850	A	A				Va	3660	D			C
	3150	U	A	B	C			3850	B			C		WVa	3080	A			C
	3150	V	A	B			NY	3865	A			C	D	Wis	3940	A			C D
	3150	X	A	B	C	D	NC	3630	A			C	D	DC	3500	A	A		
	3150	Y			C			3830	A			C	D		3500	B			C D
	3150	Z	A				Ohio	3070	A			C		Unid	3018		A		
	3150	AA			C			3175	B			C	D		3026				C
	3150	AB			C			3175	C	A	B	C			3030		A		
	3150	AF			C			3175	D			C			3031			B	
	3150	AG			C			3175	L			C	D		3032				C
	3150	AH			C			3175	N			C			3033				C
	3150	AJ				D		3175	P				D		3034				C
	3150	AK				D		3270	A			C		MSPT	3052	A	A	B	C
	3150	AL	A		C			3505	C	A					3052	B			C
	3285	A			C	D		3570	A			C			3055	A	A	B	C
	3552	A			C	D													

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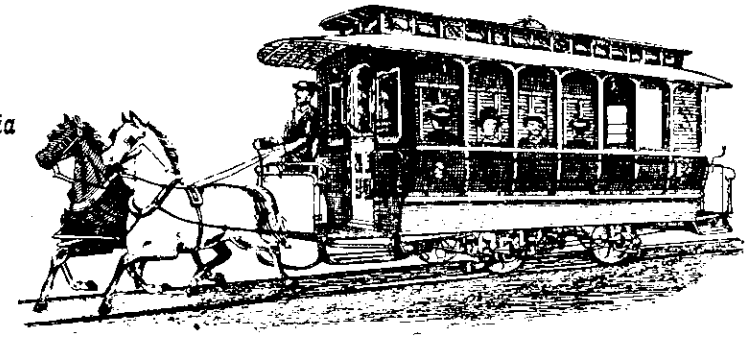

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Together with this issue members will receive special election ballots and two envelopes for those ballots. This election is to decide whether or not the A.V.A. Constitution will be amended to provide for two-year terms for officers instead of one-year terms, as at present. Please mark your ballot immediately, place it in the smaller envelope marked "OFFICIAL BALLOT," seal it, then place that in the larger envelope which is addressed to the Chairman of the Election Committee, Sam Rabinowitz. Remember to put a 5¢ stamp on it, and mail it. Note that the deadline is very early on this election--it isn't being stretched out as was the election of officers last summer.

I notice that often in auctions listed in The Fare Box, members include such words as "I reserve the right to reject any and all bids." Actually such words are superfluous, because in this Association either party to a deal has the right to change his mind. So henceforth we are going to save a little more space by omitting such phrases from your ads.

In the A.V.A., as I have noted in the past, we are a friendly easy-going group, and we aren't sticklers for rules and regulations. But we do have a Code of Ethics (printed in your copy of the A.V.A. Constitution), and members should abide by it. When a member doesn't abide by it, we don't rush in to expel him. If charges are brought against a member we lean over backwards to help him settle up, asking only some expression of his good faith. But if, after a year, he has not settled up, and shows no apparent inclination to do so, and refuses to answer mail, then we figure that he has, in effect, removed himself from our association, and our notice of expulsion is merely a formal acknowledgment of the fact. Still, it is always painful to expel a member, as we have done this month (see inside), and we hate to do it. If ever any member has personal problems that put him in straits, he should let us know, if someone has brought charges against him. We're a friendly understanding bunch. But at least have the courtesy to respond to our inquiries in such cases.

Not much is being reported, these days, in the way of New Finds, which explains the absence of that popular department in recent issues. The only report lately received is from our Walla Walla friend, Gordon Yowell, who picked up a Calif 715 D from a coin dealer in Seattle--right under the noses of some sleuths who were caught napping this time! This makes four of them known, plus one mutilated specimen.

= COLLECTORS ALWAYS WELCOME AT CHICAGO CLUB MEETINGS =

CATAMS, the Chicago Area Token and Medal Society, meets the second Sunday of each month at 3:00 p.m., in the Austin Masonic Temple, 241 N. Central Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. The next meeting is Sunday, November 14. Visitors are welcome and there are always transportation tokens for sale or trade. Collectors of foreign transportation tokens will be especially interested in the number of foreigns Joe Kotler always has for sale, trade, or just looking. A regular coin bourse precedes the meeting in the same building starting at 10:00 a.m. If you are in the Chicago Area plan to be our guest.

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= NEW ISSUES SERVICE TO EXPAND AND ADMIT ASSOCIATE MEMBERS =

One of the biggest problems we have had to face in the A.V.A., as more and more members join us, is the very limited membership in John Nicolosi's New Issues Service. It has almost come to the point where we have had a privileged class among us of those collectors fortunate enough to belong to the N.I.S. The waiting list has over sixty people on it, but only about one a month is admitted. There was a time, back when Harold Ford conceived the idea of a New Issues Service and convinced John Nicolosi to be its manager, when the N.I.S. had to beg members to join it. Now the shoe is on the other foot.

This past July, while I was in the San Francisco Bay Area I discussed this problem with Harold Ford, Ralph Freiberg, and John Nicolosi, and we believe that a more adequate membership for the New Issues Service is going to be the result. One difficulty, of course, is that the N.I.S. is a one-man operation, with Nick doing all the work himself--and there is a mountain of work involved. This, however, is not the reason the N.I.S. has been limited to 100 members. The reason is that many of the transit companies which issue tokens, have only a very limited number of them made, because they do not anticipate collectors wanting their tokens. So it's all Nick can do to talk them into selling a hundred to us, and then it is usually accomplished because they figure that, this way, by selling us 100 tokens they won't have to respond to dozens of requests. But if Nick were to ask them for 150, or 200, tokens, the result would probably be that they would be frightened to death, and refuse to sell us any at all. Most companies, after much cajoling and begging, will let us have 100 tokens. But if we sounded greedy and asked for 200 all at once, they probably wouldn't let us have a one. This, then, has been the reason for limiting the membership of the N.I.S. to 100 members.

However, we also know that many larger companies which issue tokens have plenty of them, and are delighted to sell us as many as we want. So with this in mind, the New Issues Service is going to expand, and admit "associate members."

Now, "associate members" of the N.I.S. will not receive all the tokens that are sent to the regular 100 members. But they will receive probably 75% of the tokens that the regular members receive. So if you are willing to be an "associate member" of the N.I.S., on this basis, and promise not to gripe when we can only get 100 of some token and you don't get it, we'll be glad to take you in. The present members of the A.V.A. who have been on the waiting list will be eligible immediately to become Associate Members of the N.I.S., if they will send a deposit of $10.00 to Mr. Nicolosi. Others not presently on the waiting list who would like to become Associate Members should write Mr. Nicolosi first. Meanwhile, Associate Members will be moved up to Regular Member status (in the privileged one hundred) as older members drop out or fail to keep up their balance and are removed from the list.

The important thing is this: you will not receive every token sent out by the N.I.S., but you'll get probably 75% of them.

And those of you who are among the privileged 100, if your balance is in the red it is very likely you will be dropped to make room for one of the newer members, so if you value being in the N.I.S., a word to the wise is sufficient.

Mr. Nicolosi's address is in the masthead of The Fare Box, on the front page, and his zip code is 94601, for the purists who insist on using it.

= THE LOWER FALLS BRIDGE TOKEN OF BLACK RIVER FALLS, WISCONSIN =

By Gerald E. Johnson

It was the summer of 1962 during my first term as Secretary of the Numismatists of Wisconsin (N.O.W.) that I stumbled across the Lower Falls Bridge tokens of Black River Falls, Wisconsin. As Secretary of N.O.W. it was my privilege to visit the 32 odd coin clubs in Wisconsin along with Chet Krause (A.V.A. #334), who was President at this time. On one such visit to the Tomah, Wisconsin, Coin Club, the subject of my token collecting hobby was broached and I expounded briefly on tokens in general. When the meeting adjourned, several persons approached with tokens for appraisal and token conversation followed. The casual mention of the "Brockway Ferry Token" of Black River Falls sent the sleuth into action. The token mentioned proved to have been donated to the State Historical Society along with a coin collection, but several trips to the falls city quickly established that the token was present in collections of several local historians. A cooperative newspaper historian and helpful library personnel unfolded the following story about the firm that issued the token formerly listed incorrectly as NY 640 A.

Wisconsin had gained territorial status only nine years when, in 1845, Estace L. Brockway moved his lumbering operations from Iowa into the heavily wooded area of southwestern Wisconsin. Brockway, born of a colonial Connecticut family with a long background of lumbering and ferryboat operation, was soon to become a dominant figure of the new Wisconsin frontier. In the 1850's the Black River of Wisconsin was a roaring torrent, frequently flooding and causing wholesale destruction. The river was soon destined to carry millions of board feet of logs and rough cut lumber to the rail heads and steamboat docks at La Crosse.

The village of Black River Falls was the upper limit of navigation on the stream where the violent upper falls made further access impossible. Brockway proceeded to build a number of sawmills on the Black River, with his headquarters at the lower, or "little" falls, about one-half mile below the upper falls on the bend of the river that embraces the city on two sides. Here Brockway operated a ferryboat, one of 15 different ferries that were in operation at that time along the length of the Black River. Business conditions grew increasingly stronger in the Falls area, and in 1865 Mr. Brockway constructed a toll bridge spanning the lower falls. The bridge was of wooden construction, about 500 feet in length with supporting spoke beams in a semi-circular design, giving it the appearance of three halved wagon wheels mounted on a flat road bed, the center "wheel" being the largest. The bridge ran from the high bank on the east to the lower village side on the west, a drop in elevation of more than 30 feet. The bridge was an immediate success and old accounts tell of occasions when over one hundred wagon teams passed over the bridge in a single day. Tolls were set at 25 cents for a team of horses, 15 cents for a man on horseback, and five cents for pedestrians. In 1867 the bridge was extended 100 feet on the low side due to overflowing during flood season...the village assuming $350 of the $1,080 total cost (a tribute to "Captain" Brockway's political and social position.)

In 1868 work was begun on a new municipal bridge located just below the upper falls and approaching the city from the north. Thus, with this completed, the lower falls toll bridge had lost its importance and in part its usefulness. Little is known of the bridge thereafter, until the great flood of 1876, when the bridge along with most of the city was destroyed.

Of the toll tokens used, only two varieties seem to exist. Both are brass, and identically struck. The difference is a large counterstamped one-half on the obverse of the half fare piece. This piece was used as a return fare for an empty wagon. No sign of any fifteen-cent or five-cent tokens has been found.

Wisconsin pioneer Estace L. Brockway died in 1901 at the age of 75, after 56 years of doing battle with the raging Black River. In the final analysis, it was the river that won--Brockway died a poor man. All that remains of the old toll bridge today is the masonry foundation of the lower extension of 1867 on the west river bank at Third Street.

Token-wise, no descendants of the Brockway clan live in Wisconsin any longer. However, this historically proud little city was filled with people anxious to help.

I traced several pieces and was able to purchase the token listed this month as Wis 105 B, the half fare token, from the old bridge tender's sister. However, the full fare 25¢ token, the more plentiful piece, was not available for my collection. Then suddenly, during my convalescence from knee surgery, a full three years after my search began, an elderly lady (95 years young) wrote to tell me her Brockway token was to be mine. I received the uncirculated token and happily assembled my historical data for the story you have read.

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= THE GOLD-PLATED AND SILVER-PLATED COLORADO SPRINGS TOKENS =

By Edwin C. Lanham

While in Colorado Springs, Colorado, recently with my reserve outfit I picked up my first two really rare tokens: Colo 140 H, gold and silver-plated with the number 6 on the edge. The man who sold them to me, Mr. Robert Taylor, used to be the accountant for Colorado Springs Transit Company. He tells me that the gold and silver jobs were essentially an advertising gimmick, and only 25 sets were made, but only about five sets were placed in circulation. Anyone who found one in a roll of tokens could redeem it for a free roll of tokens.

Since they were encased individually in plastic, they were easy to spot. He tells me they had to tear one fare box apart because some lady dropped one in before the driver could catch it in time.

Mr. Taylor is willing to trade a set of the gold and silver tokens for some scrip from the old Colorado Springs & Interurban Railway Company. He has some scrip but the type he is looking for is in a roll, like theatre tickets. He believes there were both adult and children's types. For information write Mr. Taylor at Suite 313, Mining Exchange Building, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80902.

Mr. Taylor also told, incidentally, that he recalls when a large number of Colo 140 B, about two bushels of them, were mixed with cement and used in the addition to the building which formerly was the car barn.

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= THE INTERSTATE STREET RAILWAY TOKENS OF ATTLEBORO, MASSACHUSETTS =

By Harold H. Young

The first time collectors in general knew of the existence of the token catalogued now as Mass 50 A was when they were circularized with a postcard back in the 1930's, offering the token at $1.00 each. At that time I lived in Providence, R.I., not far from North Attleboro, Mass., where the offices of the Interstate Street Railway Company were located. I drove out to North Attleboro and was informed at the office that the tokens had been struck off, but never used, and that the entire supply had been sold to the man offering them at $1.00 each. Not a single token was available at the office. However, a garage employee was located who had seen the bag of tokens before they were sold and had helped himself to a handful to take home for his children to play with. Obviously the children didn't care what tokens they had so long as they had some "play money." Accordingly I got together some of my surplus duplicates and took them out to the home of this employee, and the children were tickled to get some tokens of various sizes in exchange for the Interstate tokens all of one size. I was able to put enough tokens into circulation with collector friends to break the "monopoly," although the number I obtained would not go very far among the collectors of today.

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SAGINAW TRANSIT NOW USING OUT-OF-TOWN TOKENS =

Bernard Keith reports that on a recent visit to Saginaw, Mich., he learned that Saginaw Transit Inc. is now using Ia 930 J as an adult token and Ind 890 E as a school token.

= HISTORY OF CAPE BRETON TRAM CAR TRANSIT TOKENS =

By John W. Stephens

The close of the 19th Century saw the beginning of a boom in the quiet town of Sydney and the surrounding communities, in Nova Scotia. A giant steel complex was established, and the extensive coal seams in the area were developed to accommodate it. Immigrants from all over the world arrived in the area, and the population and prosperity increased accordingly.

In 1901 the United States Company, Stone & Webster, began construction of an electric tram service known as the Cape Breton Electric Company. This service remained in operation for forty-six years. Tokens of the Cape Breton Electric Company were white metal, 20mm, with the letters "CB" in the center, and were good for one fare; also a 16mm bronze school token with an "S" in the center. Service was provided for Sydney, Glace Bay, and North Sydney. The Stone & Webster Company enjoyed a profitable enterprise until the late 1920's when the automobile and truck became a predominant competitor. The company began cutting down its service. The North Sydney operation ceased, and the Sydney City route was removed, and by 1931 the Stone & Webster Company began to dispose of its holdings. The power plant was sold and became Eastern Light & Power, and it seemed that the tram cars would soon be removed. The remaining employees, many with thirty years of service, now faced an uncertain future. These men pooled their resources and made an agreement to purchase the remainder of the transit service, and under the leadership of Mr. Angus MacDonald and Mr. Thomas Payne, and the support of Mr. G.G. Spencer, the purchase was completed, and the new company was known as Cape Breton Tramways Limited.

New tokens were ordered and placed into service. These were of white metal, cloverleaf design, "T" in center and measured 25mm. The same token appeared in bronze, and also included a bronze 21mm school token.

Later the company name was changed to Cape Breton Bus & Tram Company Ltd., and tokens issued were brass, cloverleaf design, 25mm, and brass 21mm school token. The change occurred in 1944 when the assets of Cape Breton Tramways Limited were purchased. In 1947 the company was again purchased, and the new owners decided that the tram cars would not be a profitable operation, and operated the transit system solely as a bus line.

The final day of operation, September, 1947, saw the end of 46 years of electric tram car service in the Cape Breton area. Driving the car that day was Mr. Dan Ferguson of Glace Bay, who was one of the original employees of the Cape Breton Electric Company.

The writer is indebted to Mr. Thomas Payne of Sydney, and to Mrs. Nello Tomado, daughter of Mr. Dan Ferguson, for their help in assembling the foregoing information.

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= A LETTER FROM MR. ROSS THORPE =

A little over two years ago I became discouraged with my hobby of coins, and sold all I had. So I began to think of what to make my new hobby. So I found Mr. Ralph Hinde's ad in COIN WORLD of 100 transit tokens $11.00, 200 for $22.00. Out went a money order to Mr. Hinde for $22.00...and shortly after that out went a money order for $4.00 to the A.V.A. for my membership. And it's the best $26 I ever spent. From the 200 tokens I'm now shooting for 3,000. And on the 8th, 9th, and 10th of October, the Penn-Ohio Coin Club had a big show and I was asked to display some of my tokens, which I did. I received a nice big trophy for my exhibit, and it brought me some good tokens: Pa 65 A and 725 C; Md 60 L and Z; Ohio 440 A,B,C,D, and quite a lot of common ones including a token I had to send to Mr. Freiberg to be identified.

So if any of you members have a chance to put your tokens on exhibit, do so. It's good advertising.

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= REMEMBER TO VOTE ON THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT; SEND IN YOUR BALLOT NOW =

WANTED: Marshalltown "B" horsecar token with die break on obverse as shown on Plate VIII, Atwood 1963 Catalogue. I will trade normal Marshalltown "B" in beautiful condition and give bonus, or will pay $25 cash.
Norman E. Sherman - 4295 Marina Drive - Santa Barbara, Cal. 93105

FOR SALE (OR TRADE) TO HIGHEST BIDDER: Ind 90 B; Mich 845 E; ND 320 B; Okla 860 H; Pa 997 A thru Q (either singly or as the set of 17 checks).
Harry C. Bartley - 7012 Ohio River Blvd. - Pittsburgh, Pa. 15202

WANTED: for my collection, Tex 760 A,B,C,D. Can use more than one of each. Also now get a color indicator which will help you positively identify the colors of your tokens, stamps, etc. This indicator has 140 colors and shades on it. Only $1.
John H. Palmer - Box 2223 - Austin, Texas

TRADE OHIO 815 A for any Ohio token cataloguing 20¢ or more. Trade Mich 75 A Da Db E F G H I J K for any Mass., Neb., Vt., Wis., Wyo., Tex., or Miss., token of equal catalogue value. Trade the entire set of 10 for any U.S. token cataloguing $1.00 or more. (No Mich 375 B wanted but will ship all 10 pieces for Michigan 375 C). Trade Mich 530 L for any New York token cataloguing 25¢. Trade Mich 75 B for your best offer. 50 different trans. tokens my choice $5.95 - 100 different $11.95. My monthly list of over 500 scarce tokens "for sale" on request. (paid adv.)
Jack E. Carman - R.R. 3 - Box 250 - Edwardsburg, Mich. 49112

BUYING ALL NEVADA TRANSPORTATION TOKENS. How many have you and what do you want for them? = Ruth Gray - Box 325 - Miami, Fla. 33147

WILL SELL 50 different TT's for $6.50 postpaid or 100 different for $12.50. Will sell 15¢ PT's for .25 and $.25 cat. PT's for $.40 and have over 200 varieties in stock. I also collect Masonic pennies and would like to have your duplicates for cash or trade in PT's or TT's.
Don Edkins - 120 Stanley Drive - Williamsburg, Va. 23185

FOR TRADE ONLY. Open to offers. NY 3998 A. This is the pattern of the Convention parking token. Only 9 pieces in collectors' hands. Offers invited in parking, transportation and foreign tokens. I reserve the right to reject any and all offers. Wanted to buy: foreign collections, accumulations and individual pieces. Send your "for sale" list.
Foster B. Pollack - 1841 Broadway, Rm 808 - New York, N.Y. 10023

1965 AVA CONVENTION TRIP TOKEN (NY 630 AP) $1.75. AVA convention parking token (NY 3630 A) $1.00. Convention badges, as long as they last, 25¢. Minimum postage 15¢, stamped addressed envelope. New Issues Services are carrying these. Join NEVA, $1 a year. = North Eastern Vecturist Assn. - 1841 Broadway, Rm 808 - New York 10023

I HAVE 1,000 DUPLICATES OF U.S. TRANSPORTATION TOKENS, NO TWO ALIKE, some retailing as high as $2.50, which I offer for sale at $100 for the lot, plus transportation.
Benj. T. Barraclough - 3635 Nicollet Avenue - Minneapolis 8, Minn.

NEW MEMBERS PLEASE READ this ad. 50 diff. trans. tokens from the State of Washington. No die vars., coated or plated. All diff. listed numbers. Price $15 - 5-day approval. Hurry - my package deal is getting depleted.
Clarence E. Heppner - 1331 Third Avenue - Seattle, Wash. 98101

Trade 1 TT for NY 630 AM or AN.
Hugh Raburn - 229 W. Apsley St., Apt. 3 - Philadelphia, Pa. 19144

FOR SALE THE FOLLOWING: Alas 300 D, 50¢; 300 E, 35¢; 300 G, 25¢; 450 H, 25¢; Ark 975 A, 60¢; 975 B, 30¢; Ind 90 A, 50¢; Ind 260 A, 15¢; 660 D, 25¢; 690 A, 15¢; NY 615 F, 50¢; Pa 725 C, $5.00; 726 G, $8.00; 785 B,C, 20¢ each; 870 A, 25¢; P.R. 640 A,C,D, 50¢ each; Tenn 600 J, 50¢; Va 600 A, 50¢; 600 B D F I J L, 25¢ each; Quebec 620 M, $40.00 (Fine condition).
Daniel DiMichael - P.O. Box 485 - Coatesville, Pa. 19320

SOUNDS CRAZY I KNOW, but I will send you one 15¢ TT for each different paper or thin cardboard streetcar or bus ticket dated 1940 or later. One 25¢ TT for tickets dated pre 1940. TT's are my choice. For deals over ten 15¢ tokens or five 25¢ tokens, please write first. Have ten Que 200 Aa at 20¢ U.S. each postpaid. My TT want-list for yours. = Don Wilson - 5305 Dudemaine, Aot. 6 - Montreal 9, Quebec

N.M. 430 B to trade for token of equal catalogue value, or sell for $1.00 plus stamped envelope.
W.A. Whitfield - 110 California St., S.E. - Albuquerque, N.M. 87108

MAIL BID SALE, including a census token: Mo 910 K (6½mm bar); Minn 50 O (type a); NY 630 Q (stage coach); NY 780 B (horsecar); Wisconsin 170 A (census), 410 F, 440 E 440 F, 500 C, 510 E, 940 A.
Gerald E. Johnson - 1921 Chase Street - Wisconsin Rapids, Wis. 54494

Need the following transportation tokens for my collection: NH 520 B, 640 F G; Conn 35 J, 85 C D, 320 B, 525 A; Mass 115 J, 210 B, 630 F...and will buy or give mile-long trade. = George H. Wyatt - Skylark Lane - Lunenburg, Mass. 01462

WILL BUY AT CATALOGUE PRICES as published in the Foreign Check List all fine or better condition foreign passes and commemoratives except the Ethiopian RR commemorative. Just send parcel post insured and receive your check immediately.
Kenneth E. Smith - 328 Avenue F - Redondo Beach, Cal. 90277

Best cash or trade offer: NJ 997 G; NC 630 A; Pa 70 A B; SC 310 B; Minn 600 A B. Special this monthly only, you buy Ariz 640 E at $1.10 and get free Ariz 1000 B C, while they last. Also available at catalogue plus postage, Fla 880 F.
John G. Nicolosi - 3002 Galindo St. - Oakland, Cal. 94601

HAVE ILL 320 A B C, will swap for Latin America & West Indies transp. tokens I need. Send your list. Thanks for the response for last month's ad; sorry but I am all sold out. However, Dan DiMichael says he can fill several orders on the same basis.
Donald N. Mazeau - P.O. Box 31 - Clinton, Conn. 06413

WILL TRADE A DEPOTEL TOKEN for any two of the following parking tokens I need, or a census token for any 5 different. I need the following parking tokens: Ind 3690 A; Ia 3150 A, 3850 A; Mo 3910 B; NY 3629 C; NC 3390 D; Ohio 3165 F; Okla 3330 B; Pa 3360 A, 3510 A, 3750 D; Va 3660 A; DC 3500 C; Quebec 3620 A.
Harold V. Ford - 1999 Gaspar Drive - Oakland, Cal. 94611

FOR SALE TO HIGHEST BIDDER: Wis 40 A B, 70 A, 170 B C D, 220 A.B, 410 F, 440 E F, 500 C D E, 510 E, 940 A B; N.M. 40 B, 430 B C, 900 A; NJ 20 C, 30 A, 115 B, 555 A B, 885 A. ONE LOT ONLY: Fifty N.Y. tokens and fifty Minnesota tokens at $14 postpaid.
Michael Super - 4895 Melbourne Road - Baltimore 29, Md.

ROSE CITY TRANSIT CO. bus photos and negatives to sell; will trade France 520 B C for Minn 790 A or Alaska 450 G; Egypt 100 C for Miss 900 A or Minn 520 A. Puerto Rico 640 A B C D E G H, all 7 for Mont 660 A, Wyo 100 A or B 120 B or 660 A, (7 for any 1). = Frank W. Guernsey - 3725 N.E. 17th Avenue - Portland, Ore. 97212

AMERICAN TRANSIT HISTORICAL ASSN. wishes to obtain these tokens for museum collection: Minn 999 A (any number); Miss 320 A C, 500 C, 660 A B C, 900 A B F G H K.
American Transit Hist. Assn. - P.O. Box 45-A - Pawling, N.Y. 12564

NEED FOLLOWING P.T.s = Fla 3050 A B C D E, 3290 A B, 3360 A, 3470 A, 3840 B (Rev B,C) C, 3880 A; Ga 3060 A; Miss 3900 A; ND 3900 A; RI 3880 A, 3960 A, 3998 A.
Edw. M. Vickers - P.O. Box 68 - Pawling, N.Y. 12564

TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, the following hard-to-find tokens: Mich 65 G, 525 C; Ill 320 A, 320 B; Iowa 110 C; Ky 520 A; Mo 350 C; Pa 725 C, 965 C; Wis 500 B; Ont 125 A.
Marie A. Johnson - Box 176 - Tecumseh, Mich. 49286

MONTREAL CITY PASSENGER RAILWAY by O.S.A. Lavalee, 52 pages, map, profusely illustrated. An account of the horsecar era (1861-94) plus a history of the Montreal & Lachine RR with a large photo of Quebec 620 M, only $2.50.
Twenty-five different British transport tokens for $3.95. Haifa, Israel, set of 2 subway tokens 50¢. Copenhagen (Denmark) Tramways mermaid token 40¢ each, 3/$1.00.
J.M. Kotler, Bookseller - P.O. Box 248 - Glencoe, Ill. 60022

WILL TRADE ONT 400 C for any transportation or parking token you send me plus a stamped, self-addressed envelope. Will trade NY 3055 A for a parking token I need in my collection. Write !
John A. Backora - 83 Markey Street - Bellville, Ohio

SCARCE TOKENS AVAILABLE ON APPROVAL. Ark 405 A - $25.00; Pa 750 L - $15.00; SD 260 A - $25.00; SD 260 B - $25.00; Ill 320 B and C - $25.00; Ill 820 B - $35.00; Pa 940 A - $35.00; also Illinois 95 A - $35.00. OTHERS AVAILABLE.
Al Hoch - 17 Eva Path - Commack, N.Y.

LOOKING FOR RARE TOKENS? Leave your card at every inquiry. I have cards ready-printed, especially designed and worded for any transportation token collector. Space to write in your name and phone number. Send one "Franklin" half, or one TT catalogued at 50¢, receive fifty cards, postpaid to you.
R.S. Croom - 867 W. 42nd St. - Norfolk, Va. 23508

FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART: 500 TT's for $7.50 - 50 each of 10 different. 1,000 TT's for $20 - 50 each of 20 different. All in rolls of 50 of a number, postpaid. You young collectors put these away now, and 10 years from now when the membership of A.V.A. will be 5,000 (my prediction) you'll be glad you did.
Odell Morgan - Route 1 - Midland, N.C. 28107

FOR SALE OR TRADE: Ohio 750 A, circulated at 50¢ each; park tokens, Colo 3260 B C at 25¢ each plus stamped envelope; for trade only at equal value, scarce SD 260 B in nice condition.
James G. Zervas - 1145 So. Downing St. - Denver, Colo. 80210

WILL TRADE Mich 65 B for any of the following: Mich 495 A, 525 C, 680 I, 735 B; or Mich 75 I or 375 A for 225 E, 515 A, 530 J, 680 J, 770 E, 845 J K Q, 885 A B.
B. Keith - 18440 Fielding Avenue - Detroit, Mich. 48219

FOR SALE AT CATALOGUE: Fla 930 A; NH 240 A; WVa 240 B, at 15¢ each. Calif 450 K, 575 O; Conn 210 A, 290 P; NJ 885 D; ND 960 A; Ohio 165 AF; Pa 70 A; DC 500 Z, at 25¢ each, postage please. = A.A. Gibbons - 1121 Mulberry St. - Scranton, Pa. 18510

PLAINFIELD, VT 595 A and B - only 300 struck of each one; originally worth $10 in transportation. For sale at 50¢ apiece plus 5¢ stamp (10¢ if both ordered).
I WILL PAY TOP PRICE FOR ANY LAND COMPANY OR REAL ESTATE TOKENS.
J.M. Coffee, Jr. - P.O. Box 1204 - Boston, Mass. 02104

ATWOOD'S CATALOGUE OF U.S. & CANADIAN TRANSPORTATION TOKENS, 2nd Edition, 480 pages including 27 plates of photographs of rare tokens and a 61-page index of obverse inscriptions making it possible to locate any transportation token. Gives values for all transp. and parking tokens. You cannot collect tokens without this book. Price $7.50. Special to A.V.A. members, $5.50 postpaid (U.S. funds please). Make checks payable to "John M. Coffee, Jr."
American Vecturist Assn. - P.O. Box 1204 - Boston, Mass. 02104

= ALL AUCTIONS LISTED IN THIS ISSUE CLOSE NOVEMBER 23 =

A.V.A. Members are entitled to a free 6-line ad in each issue of THE FARE BOX; each line over six will cost you 85¢. Ad must be different each month, and auctions may not list tokens catalogued at 15¢ or 20¢.

= APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP =

733 SEYMOUR SANDOS - 2522 SOPER AVENUE - BALDWIN, NEW YORK
AGE 44; CARPENTER. COLLECTS U.S. ONLY. (*Ubinas*)
734 HARRY W. BAKER - 6625 E. WILSHIRE DRIVE - SCOTTSDALE, ARIZONA 85257
AGE 52; ELECTRONICS PRODUCTION. COLLECTS U.S. & PARKING. (*Schmal*)
735 RAY INGALLS - 3220 EAST 10TH STREET - INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA 46201
AGE 33; COIN DEALER. COLLECTS U.S. ONLY. (*Carman*)
736 LOYDE R. WHITE - 1417 RICHARDS STREET - DAYTON, OHIO 45403
AGE 56; CITY TRANSIT OPERATOR. COLLECTS ALL TYPES. (*Matusoff*)
737 THEODORE P. POTTER - R.D. 1 - WESCOSVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA 18090
AGE 51; V.P., GEN'L ACCEPTANCE CORP. COLLECTS U.S., CANADA, FOREIGN (*Carman*)
738 JOSEPH M. CANFIELD - 794 ELM STREET, APT. 308 - WINNETKA, ILLINOIS 60093
AGE 46; TEXACO. COLLECTS U.S., CANADA, FOREIGN (*Kotler*)
739 FRANCIS E. MILNE - 1145 SANDPIPER LANE - NAPERVILLE, ILLINOIS 60540
AGE 30; CHEMICAL ENGINEER. COLLECTS ILLINOIS & TEXAS ONLY (*Carman*)
740 JAMES M. MILLARD (ADDRESS WITHHELD BY REQUEST)
AGE 27; TRUCK DRIVER. COLLECTS U.S. & PARKING. (*Carman*)

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= CRYPTOZOIC TOKENS OF THE BRITISH ISLES =

By W.H. Bett

Cryptozoic: living a hidden life; this is the only appropriate adjective to describe the current use of transportation tokens in Britain. In the U.S.A., such tokens--usually of metal with a cut-out device in the center identifying the issuing undertaking, and of a size close to a nickel or a dime--are in very general issue to the ordinary travelling public, either for convenience when the regular fare is an odd amount which would otherwise necessitate giving change, or to give effect to a concession fare, several tokens being sold together at a discount; or for the operation of automatic turnstiles or fare boxes.

In Britain, on the other hand, such general issue of tokens is very rare. In contrast to practise in the U.S.A., fares on city transit systems in Britain are usually graded according to distance and fares collected in cash by hand, some form of ticket being issued as a receipt (now generally from a machine). This does involve fares of odd amounts and a great deal of change-giving; nevertheless, the tendency of late has been for all types of concession fares to fall into disfavour--which is somewhat difficult to understand, as it places the maximum work on the operating staff, who have to collect a cash fare, and in most cases give change also, in respect of each passenger. Even transfer facilities are now rare in Britain; though with the system of charging according to distance on each vehicle, there was never the same need for this type of facility as in the U.S.A., where the "flat fare" system generally requires the issue of transfers to render it equitable. It may be mentioned that there is an opposite tendency on the continent of Europe, where transfers are still common and where there is usually a deliberate policy of discouraging the payment of cash fares on the vehicles, by the grant of concession fares to regular riders who pay in advance, though these arrangements are usually handled by way of the issue of books of tickets, or "commutation tockets" of punch-card type, rather than by the sale of tokens.

Nevertheless, there still are very many transit undertakings in Britain which do issue tokens, though usually on a restricted scale, to special classes of user. In the past there were a few undertakings (not very many, and those mainly in Scotland) which issued tokens to the general public--thus, in 1930 the Edinburgh Corporation had a slot machine installed at Tollcross (a city center street corner) issuing little cardboard packets of 12 penny tokens for one shilling; and for a time in Glasgow, soon after World War I when there was a general rise of prices, a long-established 1/2d. cash fare for a short distance was withdrawn in favour of a 3/4d. token fare; this particular distance could then be paid for only by means of one of these tokens *(see note at end of story)*; the reverse bore the words "ONE STAGE TOKEN" and a ticket similar to the old 1/2d. ticket, but marked instead "TOKEN TICKET," was issued in exchange. It may be mentioned that the old 1/2d. fare--incredibly low by present standards--was later reinstated, and remained in force until the 1930's. Fares have very rapidly increased since.

Apart from a few instances like this, however, there has not in Britain been any general issue of tokens to the public. But there has always been a demand, from public departments, large employers of labour, etc., for some means whereby they could pay the fares of employees travelling on duty, without handing over cash which might be diverted to other uses. (The matter seems to have been governed, in the minds of suspicious employers, by a mental image of the young messenger boy, given money for carfare, who spends it on candy instead and walks, thus defrauding his employer in terms of both time and money.) To meet this demand, most transit undertakings have always had some special arrangement, not advertised to the general public, but merely a matter of direct negotiation with the large organizations concerned. Sometimes books of prepaid concession tickets are issued for such purposes (thus Liverpool Corporation has special issues of such tickets for the Education Department, the Water Department, the Electric Supply Department, the Manchester & North-West Electricity Board, and for dock workers, and Leicester Corporation has them for the Health Department, the Public Assistance Department, and for Racecourse staff.) These are paper tickets, but other undertakings prefer to use tokens for all such purposes. In many cases they are theoretically available to all comers, but are not advertised and

are sold only from the head office in large quantities, say a five Pound or ten Pound sackful at a time. This applies to the writer's home town, Birmingham, where the Birmingham Corporation issues tokens thus in bulk to large users, mainly public departments, Etc. Many Birmingham people first knew of their existence during the late war when voluntary civil defense workers found themselves issued with supplies for use when travelling to and from duty. The Birmingham Corporation official rule book for vehicle crews contains the following passage:

TOKENS - The tokens issued by the Department are to be accepted from passengers at all times and treated as cash at their face value, but must not be given to passengers as change, or exchanged for cash. Children tendering tokens in excess of the fare payable must not be given change, but children's tickets to the value of the tokens tendered must be issued.

Such tokens in Britain are rarely of metal and are usually about a half inch in diameter and composed of what would nowadays be called "plastic," though they were in use long before this term became fashionable. Generally the obverse bears the name of the issuing undertaking, together with some identifying device (usually the city coat-of-arms, in the case of municipal operators) and the reverse simply the face value, in bold figures. There is not usually, in current practise, any indication of the class of user for which they are intended, though in earlier days this sometimes appeared (e.g. Aberdeen Corporation had them for post office workers, marked G.P.O. [General Post Office] and for telephone workers, marked N.T.C. [National Telephone Company, long ago taken over by the State.])

The American enthusiast visiting Britain in search of tokens is thus likely to find them very elusive. He will not find them advertised to the public, and is unlikely to see them in use unless he has sharp eyes and spots some privileged passenger tendering a brightly-coloured plastic disc for his fare instead of a coin of the realm. Nor will he learn much about them by questioning local residents; the majority of these, even if regular riders, will be totally unaware of their existence! Nevertheless they exist, and the total variety currently in issue must be quite considerable. In short, there's only one word for it--cryptozoic!

(NOTE: A 1/4d coin (farthing) used to exist in the British currency and was only legally abolished and demonetised very recently--I believe 1961, or even 1963--but for very many years previous to this it was rarely seen, and not in general use. Farthings rarely figured in transit fares, and when they did it was always necessary, in view of the scarcity of farthings, for some special provision to be made. Hence the special Glasgow tokens mentioned; hence, also, many years earlier, the issue by the South Metropolitan Tramways of books or sheets of prepaid paper tickets, value 1/4d each. This was in connection with what was known as the "Fair Fare" system, used by a number of tramways systems of the British Electric Traction empire, circa 1911. Under the "fair fare" system, though the minimum fare was 1/2d or 1d, fares went up in 1/4d steps and there were thus such fares as 1¼d and 2¼d. A few companies, apart from the "fair fare" system, had a 3/4d child's fare; one of these was Southport.)

(Editor's Note: the foregoing excellent article was prepared by Mr. Wingate H. Bett, at the request of Joseph M. Kotler. It helps to explain a phenomenon many of us have discovered, namely that very few Englishmen are aware of the tokens being used in their own country. Mr. Bett lives in Birmingham, England, and is co-author of Great British Tramway Networks, *which is now in its fourth edition. Mr. Bett possesses one of the world's largest collections of tickets, and is a member of the Transport Ticket Society and the Light Railway Transport League.)*

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Construction will begin in 1967 on a 5-mile subway system in Prague, Czechoslovakia. The present streetcars will be used in the subway, but eventually high-platform trains will replace them....Fares in Houston, Texas, have been hiked from 25¢ to 28¢ cash, with tokens up from 10/$2 to 9/$2; riders are required to make a 5¢ deposit when they receive a transfer, refundable when the transfer is properly used--this is designed to prevent riders from selling transfers.

= THE PORTAGE LAKE BRIDGE AND ITS TOKENS =

By James J. Curto

(Editor's note: the following excellent account of the bridge that used the tokens listed as Mich 470 A and B, is reprinted from the June, 1947, issue of The Numismatist, *with the author's permission.)*

This is the story of one of the early bridges of Michigan, a bridge which opened the way overland into one of the world's most famous mining areas, the Lake Superior Copper District in the Keweenaw Peninsula of Upper Michigan.

The "foot passenger" token of black vulcanite, used to cross this bridge in the 1870's, although well known to most collectors, has since the beginning of this interesting series been misattributed, it being generally assigned to a Portage Lake Bridge Co. in Akron, Ohio. The misattribution is easily understood for, with many of the bridges of earlier days named after the waters they traversed, and with many of these waters similarly named in various parts of the country, with early records difficult and oft-times impossible to obtain, the misattribution is of small wonder. Even a close scrutiny of the map of the United States will not disclose a Portage Lake in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. However, it is there, located between the cities of Houghton and Hancock in Houghton County, Michigan.

Portage Lake extends almost completely across the Keweenaw Peninsula and years ago was considered of such importance that it was connected with Lake Superior on each end by canals. It now serves as a water route direct to the heart of Michigan's copper district and also as a safe refuge for lake ships rounding the Keweenaw Peninsula in stormy weather.

The Portage Lake Bridge connects the City of Houghton on its south shore with the City of Hancock on its north shore. Early records disclose that the bridge construction was first contemplated in 1870 and that in February, 1871, the Board of Supervisors of Houghton County in full session granted private rights for its construction. Work on the bridge commenced in the latter part of 1871. The construction was beset with many delays and difficulties. Logs of the necessary lengths for piling caused jams in the Sturgeon River. Cribs built for abutment foundations were lost in storms and others when sunk for that purpose canted as the increased weight of the bridge construction came to bear upon them. Finally, because the early foundation soil tests failed to reveal a stratum of soft mud below what was thought to be a firm foundation layer, the entire foundation work had to be reconstructed.

The bridge was finally completed late in 1875 and immediately proved itself a sound financial enterprise. Old accounts testify to continuous lines of humanity and commerce vibrating across the bridge from morn till dusk.

Toll tokens were issued only for foot passage across the bridge because of the odd toll rate of 3¢ each way. Single horse-drawn vehicles were charged 15¢ over and return, and double teams 25¢. An interesting feature of the toll was that the rates were reduced to 1¢, 10¢, and 15¢, respectively at the close of each navigation season early in November. This was done to discourage the making of roads on the ice across the lake in winter time.

There are two major varieties of the tokens: the earlier token is on a thin planchet, 25mm with rounded edges, small lettering and the words appearing widely spaced. General usage brought forth the brittleness of these thin planchets and so the thickness of the planchet was increased perceptibly double. The die must have broken, however, shortly after the start of striking on these thick planchets, for they are very scarce in comparison with the thin.

The later token has a smaller planchet, 24mm, also thick with a sharp square edge often seemingly slightly concave. The lettering is larger except in the word "passage" which is smaller and the words and lines appear very closely spaced.

It is difficult to find the earlier token in new condition, while the later token is usually found in new condition unless mutilated. While holed varieties of this token exist, the holes were in all cases put in by private individuals or concerns, who evidently holed them for reasons of their own.

The bridge became so important to the travel and commerce of this area that it was finally purchased by the county in the early 1890's, becoming a part of Houghton

County's public roads, thus eliminating the toll and the use of the little black rubber bridge tokens, now so highly prized by collectors.

With the advent of the railroad and heavier loads, the bridge was rebuilt by the county in 1895. The plans of the new bridge were prepared by the Osborn Company of Cleveland and the structure built therefrom is to this day still adequately serving any and all fortunate enough to be wending their way into this beautiful and historic Keweenaw Peninsula of Michigan.

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= NOTES FROM THE PITTSBURGH DISTRICT BY HARRY C. BARTLEY =

Yes, fellow collectors, the Pittsburgh District Token Collectors Club is still in existence and meeting four times a year as set up originally. However, we have had to switch the date and even the month around to suit conditions, but we still keep to Sunday afternoon at 2:00 p.m. Conflicting dates, bad weather, and ill health have hurt the club and members quite a lot lately, not to mention insufficient coverage by its Reporter (due to a lot of ill health). But we are the second oldest token club and intend to keep going as long as we can get two or more people out to a meeting. Time and space permitting, may I give you a run-down on our 1965 program:

We started the year two weeks later with our first meeting January 31 in Room 203 of the Downtown YMCA. Seven members and one visitor enjoyed a nice swap session with some exhibits, also a rehash of the Convention plus the meeting in September, 1964 (in conjunction with the Penn-Ohio Convention).

Our spring meeting is generally our troublesome one to schedule, and this one topped all others to date. Moved from April 19 to the 26th to avoid conflict, it was changed again to May 16 inasmuch as our reporter (Harry Bartley) was hospitalized in April with a heart attack. This meeting, held at North Hills YMCA, was unusual in several respects: five members and NINE visitors for one, and the absence of Bill & Corinne Black for another. It was about the second meeting of PDTC they had missed since its inception.

We returned to regular schedule with the 3rd meeting July 18 in Room 206, Downtown YMCA. Even though it was one of the smallest for attendance (6 members, 2 visitors), we seemed to have more exhibit material, etc. Then, too, we had the Blacks with us again. Without them it just doesn't seem right. Most of the discussion centered about the coming convention and our respective chances of going.

On October 24 we rang down the curtain on our 1965 season with a meeting in Rm 206, Downtown YMCA, probably our best of the year in spite of terrible weather which saw rain, sleet, and snow. Nine members, 3 visitors. We should add that this included three groups from Akron, Canton, and Crestline, Ohio. The Akron and Canton members are among our most loyal supporters. There was plenty of material, both for display and trade. John Mackie, our "man from Mars" seemed to have something suitable for everyone and was kept busy the whole time. Those fortunate enough to have attended the AVA Convention were called on to give an account of the happenings, so now we have a clearer picture of what took place.

PDTC will try to return to the former pattern of meetings the 3rd Sunday of Jan., Apr., July, and October, in 1966, although we may even start off with a change of date inasmuch as our 15th anniversary is January 28 and we may try to get as close to that date as we can. In any event we shall meet in January, 1966, and we sincerely hope that everyone who can make it over to Downtown Pittsburgh will do so, and enjoy one of our meetings. Notice will be given in The Fare Box as to the exact date, together with travelling instructions. So it will then be up to you.

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= PRICES REALIZED IN ODELL MORGAN'S SEPTEMBER AUCTION =

NC 390 A.....$47.50	*NC 680 C.....$11.25*	*NC 3700 A.....$22.50*
NC 680 B..... 11.25	*NC 710 A..... 12.50*	*The sky's the limit!*

= OCTOBER SUPPLEMENT TO THE FOREIGN CHECK LIST =
By Kenneth Smith

ENGLAND

Colchester 200 (all tokens on this page reported by D. Capper)

(CITY ARMS)

AA	Cw 25 Sd	Colchester Transport 1d.	$0.15
AB	Co 25 Sd	" " 1½d.	.15
AC	Cg 25 Sd	" " 2d.	.15
AD	Cb 25 Sd	" " 2½d.	.15
AE	Cu 25 Sd	" " 3d.	.15
AF	Ci 25 Sd	" " 3d.	.15
AG	Cr 25 Sd	" " 3½d.	.20

Darwen 235

(CITY SHIELD OF DARWEN)

AI	Cw 26 Sd	Darwen Transport 3d.	.15
AJ	Cg 26 Sd	" " 4d. (dark green)	.20
AK	Ce 26 Sd	" " 5d.	.25

Leigh 452

LEIGH TRANSPORT CORPORATION

AA	Fd 26 Sd	1d..	.15
AB	Fi 26 Sd	1½d. (red brown)	.15
AC	Fe 26 Sd	2d..	.15

Stockport 725

STOCKPORT CORPORATION TRAMWAYS (ARMS)(no Britannia)

BGo	Cp 23 Sd	1d.	.15
BHo	Cm 23 Sd	1d.	.15

Walsall 810

(WALSALL CITY ARMS)

BL	Ce 26 Sd	Walsall Corporation 1½d	.15

NORTHERN IRELAND

Belfast 160

BELFAST CORPORATION TRANSPORT (ARMS)

BD	Cp 25 Sd	½d	.15
BE	Cb 23 Ch	1d (light blue)	.15
BF	Cr 25 Sd	1½d	.15
BG	Cy 25 Sd	2d	.15
BH	Ce 25 Sd	3d	.15

BELFAST CORPORATION TRANSPORT

BI	Cg 22 Sd	4d	.20
BJ	Cb 22 Dd	5d	.25

Now that The Fare Box is back to its full size after the summer lull, the foreign supplement will be a regular monthly feature again. Remember, to get credit, the discoverer of the item should send a good rubbing of a photograph of it. I already have enough new issues on hand for two months, so items reported now will appear in the January supplement.

The leading collector in Great Britain has struck again, as the above makes evident. Usually within two weeks after a company starts using a token he mails me one of them. He is supplying excellent coverage of Great Britain.

If you know of any unlisted foreign tokens, please report them to me.

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= OCTOBER SUPPLEMENT TO ATWOOD'S CATALOGUE =
By Ralph Freiberg

FLORIDA

St. Petersburg 880 (Reported by Harvey Bernstein)
MUNICIPAL TRANSIT SYSTEM ST. PETERSBURG FLORIDA MTS (EMBLEM)
F Pl 26 Sd One Student Fare City Bus (* 9/7/65) $0.15

GEORGIA

Savannah 780 (Reported by Mort Dawson)
ISLANDS EXPRESSWAY CHATHAM COUNTY GA. ONE FARE
K B 16 Sd (same as obverse)[This expressway opened August 15, 1963] .20

INDIANA

Madison 580 (Reported by Marie A. Johnson)
MADISON STREET RAILWAY CO
B o Cc 23 Sd Good for one fare 3.50
MADISON TRANSFER CO. MADISON IND.
C o A 29 Sd Good For One Fare 5.00

KENTUCKY

Lebanon 465 (Reported by J. Douglas Ferguson)
LEBANON & PERRYSVILLE PIKE 2½c
A o B 23 Sd (Manufacturer's name)[Obverse letters all incuse except 2½c] 5.00

Paducah 680 (Reported by Joseph Mark Kotler)
THE PADUCAH CITY RAILWAY
L o K 21 Sq-sc Half Fare [company existed between 1902 and 1906] 3.50

WISCONSIN

Black River Falls 105 (Reported by Gerald Johnson)
LOWER FALLS BRIDGE TOLL 25 CTS. E.L. BROCKWAY
A o B 26 Sd (Liberty Head) 1866 3.50
B o B 26 Sd [Like A, but counterstamped 1/2 on obverse] 3.50
[Wis 105 A was formerly listed incorrectly as NY 640 A, which should now be deleted.]

UNIDENTIFIED (Reported by Robert E. Paige)
G.A. DENZEL'S ELECTRIC CARROUSSEL
103 B Oc Sd Good For One Ride 5 [all letters incuse](28mm)

CANADA - BRITISH COLUMBIA

Patterns 998 (Reported by J. Douglas Ferguson)
B.C. ELECTRIC (in script) B TRANSIT TOKEN B
B B 22 Sd (same as obverse)
[The brass pattern takes place of the WM token which has been listed as 800 B]

ONTARIO

Ottawa 675 (corrected listings)
OTTAWA POLICE DEPARTMENT POLICE 1963
J Fm 32 Sd (same as obverse)[all letters orange incuse] .25
K Fm 32 Sd Ottawa Police Department Police [all letters yellow incuse] 1.00

Owen Sound 700 (Reported by Allen Weighell)
O.S. BUS ADULT
C A 22 Sd (same as obverse) .15
O.S. BUS STUDENT
D B 17 Sd (same as obverse) .15

CANADA - ONTARIO (continued)

Patterns 998 (Reported by J. Douglas Ferguson)

TORONTO TRANSIT COMMISSION TTC (in emblem)(3 maple leaves)

C WM 17 Sd Toronto Transit Commission 1954 Service Courtesy Safety /(in emblem)

D B 17 Sd (same as C)

[998 C and D are similar to 900 C but have no dots around outer border.]

QUEBEC

Patterns 998 (Reported by J. Douglas Ferguson)

NATIONAL HARBOURS BOARD PONT CHAMPLAIN /CONSEIL DES PORTS NATIONAUX BRIDGE

E B 25 Sd Conseil Des Ports Nationaux Pont Champlain /National Harbours Board Bridge

[998 E is like 970 A, but in brass. Add (Vars.) to 970 A.]

= NOTES BY RALPH FREIBERG =

Heading this month's new issues is a school token from St. Petersburg, Fla. With the new school term opening the day after Labor Day, the Municipal Transit System of St. Petersburg decided to issue a special token for school children. They made them a size between a quarter and a half dollar, and in plastic because it made it easy to make the token stand out from other change for counting purposes. The company was very cooperative and supplied Mr. Nicolosi enough tokens for the New Issues Service, including its associate members. We only wish we could get the cooperation of all transit companies like this when they issue new tokens.

During the past summer Mort Dawson ran into the token for the Islands Expressway which opened August 15, 1963, and it is presumed that tokens have been in use from the beginning.

Marie Johnson obtained the unlisted (until now) celluloid streetcar token and depotel from the same party in Madison, Indiana. So far no historical information on the depotel token. The streetcar token differs from the one already listed in several ways. There now arises a possibility that the "A" token could be from somewhere else.

We presume that the Lebanon & Perrysville Pike token which Mr. Ferguson obtained from a coin dealer, dates from before 1900. The manufacturer's name on the reverse is not clear enough to be made out. It appears to be something like: -- KELLY ENG CO ST. LOUIS. If any reader has another token with a manufacturer's name on it which is similar, perhaps he can help up out.

Joe Kotler obtained the Paducah token from a non-member in the Chicago Area. The token is rather similar to the "A" token from Miami, and the Louisville school tokens, all of which seem to date from the first years of the century. Paducah City Railway came into existence in 1902 as the result of consolidation of other lines, and by 1906 it had disappeared; so we assume that the firm existed only for two or three years.

See the fascinating story of how Gerald Johnson found the correct home of the Lower Falls Bridge token elsewhere in this issue. The token is relisted correctly in this issue under Wisconsin, along with its companion piece. The listing under Niagara Falls, N.Y., should be deleted.

We have no idea where the G.A. Denzel Electric Carroussel was located. Perhaps the name Denzel may ring a bell with some member. Many of these tokens seem to hail from Atlantic City, so this would seem to be the first place to look.

We do have a white metal pattern listed for BC 998 B, but they decided to use a token like this during the past year, so we removed it from the pattern listings and put it in as 800 B. Now that the brass pattern has shown up, we are listing it in place of the white metal token which has been removed from the pattern list.

I had not seen the two Ottawa tokens when one of them was listed in the January 1965 Fare Box, but since then I've seen both varieties. These tokens have been obsolete for the past year or so, and I have no way of knowing how many of them are in

the hands of collectors.

The Owen Sound Bus tokens have so far not been obtained by the New Issues Service. Mr. Nicolosi sent a check, but so far they have not replied. It is quite likely that the firm has so few tokens that they don't want to sell a quantity of them to collectors. Mr. Faubert also sent us the information that Mr. Cotton of the Cab Company in that city took over the bus line in 1961.

Every now and then we might run into something, thinking we shall have some new listings, and then are left holding the sack! The company down in Covington, Ky., raised their fare to 25¢ or 2/45 on May 1, 1965, and silverplated some of their tokens. However, as far as we can find out, they only silverplated the white metal tokens in the 16mm size. Ky 150 B and 150 E. We thought they might have plated the bronze and brass ones also, so I bought a small quantity of the plated tokens with P.G. Vondersmith on the reverse, but they all turned out to be white metal underneath! We do not list a silverplated white metal token because it is very difficult to distinguish them from the unplated tokens unless they are brand new. So, anyway, I now have some extra Ky 150 B tokens on hand and if anyone should want them at 25¢ each, write me. I mention this because there are 3 distinct die varieties which show up on both sides of the tokens. I can send all 3 varieties, silverplated.

This Green Line company has always intrigued me. Back in 1945 I was in Cincinnati and ran into the streetcars of this company, which came over the bridge from Covington into a terminal in Cincinnati. The passengers exit from the buses, now, at the terminal and pass through a turnstile using a token. Passengers also pass through a turnstile when boarding the buses in Cincinnati. When streetcars were used they all went over the bridge into Covington, but now with buses, the ones going through Covington use one level, and those going to Newport use the other level. In the 1930's, as the streetcars only went so far, some little bus lines sprang up, which started at the end of the trolley lines and went farther on. As the Green Line went more and more into the use of buses, they purchased these little lines so that they could operate their own service into the new territory. So they absorbed the companies on the Kentucky side which used tokens listed from Cold Spring, Dayton, Fort Thomas, and Ludlow. There may also be others that we don't know about. The Dixie Traction, which we list under Erlanger, was a subsidiary of the Green Line, but for some reason they had their own tokens which we believe were used as an extra zone fare. At the present there is an extra zone fare because it is a long ride from Cincinnati out to Erlanger and Florence, and the Ky 250 D token is still being used as a 10¢ or 2/15 zone token. The 150 F and G originally came out as school tokens at 2/15, but this fare being no more, these tokens are also used now as zone tokens to Erlanger, so if one bought some of these he might obtain 250 D or 150 F or G. The last streetcars of this company ran on July 8, 1950, on the Ft. Mitchell Line.

I just hope none of the 150 C and D tokens show up silverplated. It seems very odd to me that they would replate white metal tokens, so if anyone should run into some tokens with a little different look, now you will know what they are.

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OCTOBER NEW ISSUES SERVICE REPORT

This month we send out two little tokens from the Carmelit Funicular Subway, half and full fares from Haifa, Israel. Thanks again to Joe Kotler for these. We are grateful to Harvey Bernstein of St. Petersburg for supplying us with the new token from his city. The Ga 780 K token has been used for over 2 years, and we thank Mort Dawson for supplying the lead on these. All the tokens I got were dirty and used, unfortunately.

I shall send out the two Owen Sound, Ont., tokens if and when I receive them. They've had my check for some time but so far no response. If I get them in time, I'll send them out this month; otherwise they'll wait till next month (if I get them then).

This month we welcome N.J. Wilson of Minneapolis to the New Issues Service.

- John G. Nicolosi

= OCTOBER PARKING TOKEN SUPPLEMENT TO ATWOOD'S CATALOGUE =
By Duane H. Feisel

CALIFORNIA

Los Angeles 3450 (Reported by J.D. Ferguson)
HOFBRAU LOS ANGELES, CALIF. HB
W WM 25 Sd 645 West 15th Street HB $0.25

Santa Ana 3810 (Reported by J.D. Ferguson)
SANTA ANA FREEWAY CENTER BUILDING
A WM 25 Sd 1440 E. First Avenue Santa Ana, California .25

CONNECTICUT

Hartford 3210 (Reported by Don Edkins)
SCOLER'S RESTAURANT HARTFORD (GATE)
F Bz 25 Sd Parcoa Token (gate)(Rev. D) .@%
(Obverse inscription on two lines; on B, inscription is on one line.)

ILLINOIS

Chicago 3150 (AR reported by Joe Kotler)
GARFIELD PARK COMMUNITY HOSPITAL
AQ B 23 Sd Visitor Parking Token .25
WOLKE & KOTLER FREE PARKING (GATE)
AR Bz 25 Sd Clothing For The Entire Family .25

LOUISIANA

Shreveport 3810 (Reported by Walter Hinkle and Ed Dence)
PIONEER BANK & TRUST CO. (GATE)(INCUSE NUMERAL)
A Bz 25 Sd Parcoa Token (gate)(Rev. C) .25

MICHIGAN

Kalamazoo 3530 (Reported by Roice V. Rider)
SCHWARZ'S DRIVE-IN (GATE)
C Bz 25 Sd Parcoa Token (gate)(Rev. D) .25

MISSOURI

Miscellaneous 3999 (Reported by Mrs. Gladys Maxwell)(token used in St. Louis)
NEVER GO HUNGRY 1/4 LB. CHUCK-A-BURGER HEALTHFULLY BROILED
A A 37 Sd Value 25¢ Redeemable In Merchandise Only at Chuck-a-Burger

TEXAS

Dallas 3255 (Ex-Unidentified 3019 & 3020; location by Clymer & M. Murdock)
VENTURA PARKING
J B 23 Sd (same as obverse) .25
VENTURA
K B 23 Sd (blank) .25

ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS

Md 3060 A: Add PARKING after MARKET on reverse.
Pa 3015 A: Delete comma after ALLENTOWN on obverse.

= PARKING TOKEN NOTES BY DUANE H. FEISEL =

Plans for the new parking token catalogue are progressing nicely, and you can expect its appearance in the early part of 1966. When certain costs become better established, advance orders for the catalogue will be solicited. A special "Parking Token Catalogue Questionnaire" will be mailed out with the next shipment of parking token new issues to the subscribers to that service; it will also be sent to those I know who have an interest in this collecting interest, and to any others who will simply request it. The aim of the questionnaire is to survey collector opinion on a variety of subjects such as wooden tokens, pictures of tokens, maximum prices, etc.

The responses will be considered in the preparation of the new catalogue.

Heading the listing of new issues this month are 2 items from California about which nothing is known except the information presented on the tokens themselves.

A new batch of tokens was obtained recently by Scoler's Restaurant which involve a change in the obverse design. All Scoler tokens (A,B,F) are still used, but the A token is seldom seen there. The tokens are used to gain exit from a gate-controlled lot which is restricted to patrons of the restaurant.

The Garfield Park Hospital token should have been reported along with AM but I slipped up on it. Note that the token has VISITOR instead of VISITORS as on AM.

A new batch of 1,000 tokens were obtained by Wolke & Kotler as the supply of their earlier tokens became low. The reverse of the token has an ad for Wolke & Kotler instead of publicity for Parcoa as is usually found on these tokens.

Very little is known of the token from Shreveport. The significance of the stamped numeral is not known; the numerals 2 and 5 have been reported.

Schwartz's Drive-In began using tokens June 17, 1965. Patrons enter the gate-controlled lot free, but exit is obtained with a token or 25¢ cash. The object of the gate is better to control the activities of younger drivers at the Drine-In. The plan is in operation only at the King Highway location.

The object of the gate-controlled lot at the Gravois Road location of the Chuck-a-Burger Drive-In Restaurant is the same as that for Schwarz's, but the method of operation is different. Here the patron pays 25¢ cash to enter the parking lot, and is provided one of the tokens which can then be applied to the check for food purchased. Those of you not in the PTNIS who would like this token may write Mrs. Maxwell; don't write the restaurant. The tokens are available at 25¢ each plus stamped envelope.

The Ventura on the two new tokens for Dallas refers to the name of the owner of the parking lot operation, and not to a location as previously thought. This parking lot is located in a suburban area shopping center, and is operated by cash or a token in the parking gate. Details of use of the tokens are incomplete at this time, but apparently the tokens are sold to local merchants at reduced rates in quantity.

In Flint, Mich., A.C. Spark Plug no longer uses the token as listed, but instead have replaced it with a plain aluminum slug of their own manufacture. This slug will not be listed. The regular A.C. Spark Plug token has been reported stamped with incuse initials; also the same for Ohio 3650 A. These stamped tokens emanate from the Blodgett Memorial Hospital in Grand Rapids who also have their own token. At Blodgett, any of the Parcoa tokens are put into regular use by stamping them with a doctor's initials, so with time other Parcoa tokens stamped with initials will probably be seen.

When RI 3880 A was reported last June, the existence of a quantity of the tokens was mentioned. This supply of tokens has finally been located by personnel at the airport, and they are now readily available.

Members of the PTNIS will receive Ill 3150 AR, Mich 3530 C, Mo 3999 A, and the special questionnaire previously mentioned. Openings in the PTNIS are still available, but the limit in the number who will be accepted is being rapidly approached. If you are interested in parking tokens, now is the time to enroll in this service while you still can. The new catalogue will certainly spur additional interest among other collectors.

Please keep the reports of new discoveries coming in to me. We would like the new catalogue to be as complete as possible. Send rubbings and information on new discoveries to DUANE H. FEISEL - P.O. BOX 215 - MEDFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS 02052.

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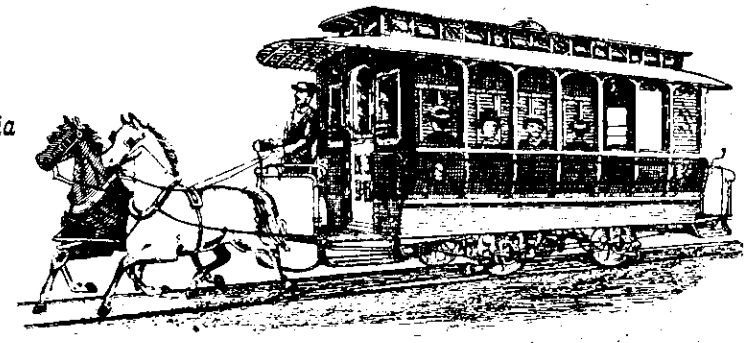

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The proposed constitutional amendment, which 313 of you voted on this past month, narrowly missed success. Sam Rabinowitz, Election Chairman, reports that 313 votes were cast. Of these, 218 voted "Yes" and 95 voted "No." Although this is a large majority in favor of two-year terms for officers, it fell short of the required three-fourths of those voting. Article XII, Section 1e of the By-Laws provides that "a three-fourths vote of those voting shall then be necessary to amend." Three-fourths of 313 is 235. There being only 218 "Yes" votes, the amendment is defeated, and officers will continue to be elected annually.

Max M. Schwartz, the founder of the A.V.A., prominent numismatist and a good friend of many of us, has just gone into the hospital for a serious operation, and we are told he will be there for some time. It would be a nice gesture for A.V.A. members to send him a card or letter expressing our best wishes for his early and complete recovery. Address him at Room 151, South Nassau Community Hospital, Oceanside, New York. There were only a few of us present in his office on October 31, 1948, when the A.V.A. was formed. But the few have become many, now, and I hope our members will show as much interest in this gesture of kindness towards Mr. Schwartz as they did in the dry matter of a constitutional amendment. I'm sure they will.

John Nicolosi, the overworked manager of our New Issues Service, has just added new burdens by taking in a large number of Associate Members of his N.I.S. He has discussed with some of us on The Fare Box the necessity of adding postage costs when he sends out tokens hereafter. We all heartily agreed that he should do this, because the 5¢ over catalogue value he has been charging often doesn't even cover the cost of mailing the tokens out. So in the future, those of you fortunate enough to belong to the New Issues Service will also be charged the amount of postage on the envelope used to mail the tokens to you. If this is all Nick wants from us, we say he is generous to a fault, and this is little enough for us to give him, in addition to his nickel, for what is perhaps the finest service available to A.V.A. members.

Life Membership in the A.V.A. will be increased from the present $60 to $80 as of January 1, 1966. If you are interested in life membership, now is the time to act. No application is necessary; just send $60 to the Secretary. And starting next year (for 1966) our annual dues are $4.00. So if you send it in early, remember to send $4.00. Dues statements will be mailed out with the December Fare Box. And, incidentally, hereafter The Fare Box will go to press the last Monday of each month.

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= *RIGID PLASTIC HOLDERS FOR TOKENS* =

The Editor recently purchased from Capital Plastics of Canton, Ohio, a dozen specially-made 10x12-inch plastic holders for 16mm tokens. These are the same type holder used for proof sets, but much larger, of course. They are air-tight, and I believe they are the finest way available to house a collection of tokens. The tokens look absolutely beautiful in these holders. Each holder has 90 openings for 16mm tokens. They come in black, blue, red, white, or green. I recommend the black, as giving the best background. They are very expensive, the regular price being $20 per holder. However, on quantity orders they have made a special price available to me, and if any A.V.A. member is interested in this ultimate way of displaying his tokens, he can purchase the holders through me at $15 apiece. Each hole is exactly made to fit a 16mm token; they fit snugly in the openings and don't rattle around. Holders for 23mm tokens (80 openings) are also available. If you wish to order the 16mm holder, send $15 for each one directly to the Editor. If you want the 23mm holder, write first, so we can see if we get enough orders to get a quantity discount.

= A.V.A. 1966 CONVENTION WILL BE HELD AT DISNEYLAND =

Members of the California Association of Transportation Token Collectors are already into the formation of plans for the next annual convention, slated for Disneyland, California, early in August of 1966. Much of the discussion at the California group's regular November meeting was devoted to pros and cons on how best to host the many visitors expected.

Convention Chairman Robert M. Ritterband has named several sub-chairmen, some of whom were ready to give preliminary reports at the meeting. Edrick Miller, current club head, was asked to serve as Ritterband's co-chairman.

Other appointments: Edward Cutler, finances; James Dunlap, Sunday outing; Robert Marvin, hotel liaison; Norman Sherman, souvenir tokens; Kenneth Smith, token auction; Elaine Willahan, printed souvenirs. Veteran A.V.A. members Roland Atwood and F. Gordon Smith are acting in advisory capacities, while Ritterband himself will handle publicity and news releases.

At their 51st meeting, the California group convened November 14 at the lovely home of member Elaine Willahan in Los Angeles. Twelve members and three guests were present: Atwood, Mr. & Mrs. Carter, Crusen, Cutler, Dunlap, Gallagher, Marvin, Mr. & Mrs. Miller, Ritterband, Mr. & Mrs. F.G. Smith, Kenneth Smith, and the hostess, Elaine Willahan. Ed Miller and Elaine Willahan, who were elected president and Secretary respectively at the September meeting, presided at this meeting.

At the conclusion of the business meeting, homemade pie (apple & pumpkin), cake, and coffee, were served and thanks to our hostess everyone had a wonderful time.

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= OUR "LENDING LIBRARY" =

Every collector would doubtless like to own a few rare tokens. This isn't always possible, but any A.V.A. member can at least see what some of the census items look like. Thanks to the generosity of a few early members, the Association owns a set of good color slides, showing many interesting specimens.

This slide set is kept by the A.V.A. Curator, currently Robert Ritterband. Under Section 6(c) of Article V of the Constitution, any member in good standing may borrow from this collection by arrangement with the Curator. About the only requirement is that the borrower pay shipping costs both ways (including insurance).

The first such loan of the current year has just been completed between Mr. Ritterband and Richard Musser, who gave an illustrated talk on transportation tokens at a coin show in Lancaster, Pa., on November 13. A total of 45 slides were available for the talk, according to Ritterband. (In exchange, Mr. Musser donated to the Curator collection a copy of his *Brief History of the Turnpikes of Lancaster County*, plus several of the turnpikes' maps.

At present the A.V.A. collection totals about 225 slides, with some representation from about half the states in the Union. Members or groups interested in any slides, or any of the printed matter now being accumulated, are invited to write to the Curator, Robert M. Ritterband - 6576 Colgate Avenue - Los Angeles, Calif. 90048.

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= LAMTA TOKENS ARE ALSO CRYPTOZPIC =

A recent note from Mr. Lazear Israel, prominent electric railway historian of Los Angeles, observes the following likeness between current token use in Los Angeles and that in England as explained in an article in the October Fare Box:

"LAMTA tokens are still in use, officially, as convenience tokens on the L.A. local lines of SCRTD, selling at 4/$1. Many (if not most) operators, however, hate to receive them and refuse to sell them. Most passengers are unaware of their existence. To top things off, the District no longer redeems tokens for cash, and the drivers cannot buy them at the garages except by the roll (40 for $10). So the article about British tokens applies almost equally well to the present situation in L.A."

FOR SALE TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER: Iowa 590 B; Ark 405 A; Kans 30 A; Pa 495 B; Mich 585 A; Quebec 620 Z. = Marie A. Johnson - Box 176 - Tecumseh, Mich. 49286

FREE! I HAVE 40 UNCIRCULATED COSTA RICA R.R. TOKENS, 50 centavo denomination, which I will give away to the first 40 people who send a stamped self-addressed envelope. If you have Latin American tokens for sale or trade, please send a list. AND IF YOU WANT TO PAY YOUR $4 1966 A.V.A. DUES NOW, YOU CAN SEND IT ALONG.
Donald N. Mazeau - P.O. Box 31 - Clinton, Conn. 06413

SCARCE TOKENS AVAILABLE ON APPROVAL: Kans 40 A ($35); Wis 360 A ($18); Ind 580 B ($35) Pa 315 A ($40); Ark 405 A ($12.50); Pa 940 A ($30); Ill 320 B ($12.50); Ill 320 C ($12.50); Iowa 230 A ($25). = Al Hoch - 17 Eva Path - Commack, N.Y.

WANTED - TRADE LISTS. I recently acquired 2 nice token collections so have plenty of good duplicates to trade. Send me your trade list and I will air mail mine. Need Ft. Madison horsecar varieties and will trade other horsecars or other tokens or buy for cash. Also want Marshalltown "B" horsecar with die-break on obverse, or var. with ornament that points to "H" as shown on plate VIII, Atwood's 1963 Cat.
Norman E. Sherman - 4295 Marina Drive - Santa Barbara, Calif. 93105

NY 630 ACa SPECIALIZED COLLECTION of 144 pieces, each mounted in cardboard holder with description, showing various c/s numerals, different positions, double stampings, inverted, etc. Offers invited in cash or trade.
Duane H. Feisel - P.O. Box 215 - Medfield, Mass. 02052

I HAVE THE FOLLOWING TOKENS TO TRADE for tokens of comparable catalogue value which I need from Kansas: Kans 40 B, 640 A, 690 A; Tex 360 B, 555 A. Please let me hear from you. = Hal N. Ottaway - 3002 Grail - Wichita, Kans. 67211

FOR SALE TO HIGHEST BIDDER: Vermont 150 C,D,E. For sale, 100 different 15¢,20¢,25¢ tokens for $12 (only 3 lots available.)
C.B. Tyson - 613 Halstead Road - Wilmington, Del. 19803

2x2 COIN HOLDERS round $1.25 box 100, $7.50 thousand. Round 1¢,5¢,25¢,50¢,$1 square; large, medium & small shipped prepaid (try me on nice trade). Write for samples and larger quantities.
Ray Ingalls - 3220 East 10th St. - Indianapolis, Ind. 46201

FOR SALE AT CATALOGUE: Pa 985 D,E, -- A.U. Pa 3635 A. Stamped envelope please. Will also trade the above for TTs and PTs.
George R. Picton - 183 Hanover Street - Wilkes-Barre, Pa. 18702

THE BRANFORD ELECTRIC RR ASSN. token, Conn 30 A, may still be had at 2 for $1 plus a stamped addressed envelope. All proceeds go to the "tie" fund of the Museum for use east of the new trestle (100 ties are in).
W.G. Fyler - P.O. Drawer 7 - Babson Park, Fla. 33827

NOW! BLUE OPA TOKENS are available on the following basis: 20 assorted for $1 cash & stamped envelope, or trade for any combination of tokens totaling $1.50 cat. Canadian blue meat ration token for one token with cat. value of 35¢.
Jerry Bates - Box 546 - St. Charles, Mo.

WANTED: VIRGINIA TTs of the scarce varieties, especially Lynchburg 500 A B H I. Got a long way to go, so tell me what you have to offer. Also want Ala 570; Alas 400; Fla 900; Ky 280; Me 40; Miss 460; Mo 420; Mont 480; ND 60; Ohio 200; Pa 445; SD 760; WVa 100; Wis 410; Guam 25; Phil 500; preferably in "A" letters but will consider other letters. State price in your first letter. Want other items of Va. origin.
K.T. Hall - 130 Stanley Drive - Williamsburg, Va. 23185

Self-addressed stamped envelope brings you my list of several hundred elusive British plastic tokens for sale. See Oct. 1965 Fare Box page 155 for their elusiveness.
Kenneth E. Smith - 328 Avenue F - Redondo Beach, Calif. 90277

ONE LOT OF 125 different TTs including items cataloguing up to 50¢ for $18 postpaid. A listing of more than 300 TTs for sale, many better grade, sent free on request. If you have fewer than 3,000 tokens in your collection you will need some of these. WANTED: your duplicate PTs - advise description, quantity and best cash price.
Don Edkins - 120 Stanley Drive - Williamsburg, Va. 23185

AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER: Fla 380 H; Ky 250 C; NY 615 F, 630 X Y AO; Okla 590 D; Quebec 620 Z; PTs: Ga 3070 A; Ill 3385 B; Mass 3275 B; Minn 3540 A; Tex 3255 A B Ca Cb; Va 3520 A; Wash 3780 E; Mfg Samples 17-B, 23 A.
Robert E. Paige - 225 Lincoln Avenue - Collingdale, Pa. 19024

CATALOGUE OF 19th CENTURY CHICAGO TOKENS by A.R. Slabaugh, 14p. illus.....$1.00
STREET RAILWAYS OF EUREKA (CAL.) by S.T. Borden, 24p. illus. map..... 1.00
LONDON ON WHEELS: Public Transport in the 19th Century, 24p. illus..... .50
THE EARLY MOTOR BUS by C.E. Lee, 39p. photos, mostly London..... .60
Australia 300 A B the pair $5; England 452 AA AB AC the set 50¢; Ill 3150 AR 3/$1
J.M. KOTLER, Bookseller - P.O. Box 248 - Glencoe, Ill. 60022

WANTED: OHIO 660 G. It's a common 15¢ token I have needed for some time, and would appreciate very much the opportunity to purchase one at any reasonable price.
FOR SALE: N.D. 600 Db. The commonest depotel token of them all. If anyone is crazy enough to send me $4.00 cash and a stamped envelope he can have it. I have three.
J.M. Coffee, Jr. - P.O. Box 1204 - Boston, Mass. 02104

WANTED: the following Texas & Oklahoma tokens for my personal collection: Okla 610 A B, 770 A B C, 570 A; Texas 60 A, 225 A, 265 A, 275 A, 570 A, 640 A B C, 690 B, 925 B C, 940 A, 945 A, 985 A.
Andrew Morgan - 1500 North 8th Street - Wichita Falls, Tex. 76304

TRANSPORTATION TOKEN COLLECTION FOR SALE TO HIGHEST BIDDER. Minimum bid $150. Includes 752 15¢ tokens, 24 20¢, 32 25¢, 1 35¢, 5 50¢; Cal 575 Ab and DC 500 A (both 75¢) and Guam 25 A and Wis 410 C (both $5) as well as Ariz 1000 B E. No list of inventory available, but min. bid is less than 20¢ per token so you can't lose (Guam 25 A has sold for $35 alone).
Kenneth V. Hayes, Jr. - 5 Arbor Way - Lafayette, Cal. 94549

FOR SALE: Alas 300 E, 35¢; G, 25¢; 450 H, 25¢; Ark 975 A, 60¢; 975 B, 30¢; Ind 90 A, 50¢; 260 A, 15¢; 660 D, 25¢; 690 A, 15¢; NY 615 F, 50¢; 790 D, 15¢; Ohio 175 Y, 75¢; Pa 725 C, $5; 725 G, $8; 870 A, 25¢; P.R. 640 A C D, 50¢ each; Tenn 600 J, 50¢; Va 600 A, 50¢; 600 B,D,F,I,J,L, 25¢ each;
Daniel DiMichael - P.O. Box 485 - Coatesville, Pa. 19320

FOR SALE: Mo 370 H and J, or Mo 370 H and K. Either group 25¢ cash. No limit. Enclose self-addressed stamped envelope. Address all letters for this offer to PARK METHODIST CHURCH, 5th & CENTER STREETS, HANNIBAL, MO. 63401. All money from this sale goes into church building fund.
L.D. Withington - 1320 E. 10th - Hutchinson, Kans.

AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER: Mfg Samples Group 5 G H I J K L M N O, 6 L, 8 A C, 9 C, 11 A B F, 14 A. Misc. Group 31 P. N.J. 250 A (a military token which is not generally available; see April census list). FOR SALE: Cal 575 C ($1.50); 760 D (15¢), 760 E (25¢); Kans 940 L (15¢); Nebr 980 B (both vars.) 25¢ each. Stamped envelope required with cash orders.
Harold V. Ford - 1999 Gaspar Drive - Oakland, Calif. 94611

WILL TRADE Ohio 440 B for any of the following: Tex 145 B, 145 C, 255 A B, 360 E, 710 B, 965 G H. Ohio 440 C for any of these: Tex 145 K, 255 C K, 270 B, 400 A, 690 A, 985 B. Will buy Texas store card tokens.
Harry L. Strough - 2703 Milam - Houston, Tex. 77006

ATWOOD'S CATALOGUE OF U.S. & CANADIAN TRANSPORTATION TOKENS, 432 pages cloth-bound, plus 27 photographic plates. Gives a full and exact listing of all U.S. & Canadian transportation and parking tokens known up to time of publication, with valuations. Regular retail price $7.50; special price to A.V.A. members, $5.50 postpaid. A supplement bringing the book up-to-date as of December 1965 will be ready early in 1966. Make checks & money orders payable to "John M. Coffee, Jr." (U.S. funds only please)
American Vecturist Assn. - P.O. Box 1204 - Boston, Mass. 02104

= ALL AUCTIONS LISTED IN THIS ISSUE CLOSE DECEMBER 23 =

Advertisements in THE FARE BOX are free to A.V.A. members, up to 6 lines in each issue. Ad must be different each insertion, and copy must be submitted each month (don't send several ads on one piece of paper and expect them to be put in month by month). Auctions may list only tokens cataloguing 25¢ or more in Atwood, and it is to be understood that a member publishing an auction reserves the right to reject any bid for any reason satisfactory to himself. Contrariwise, any member buying a token in an ad, through an auction, cash sale, or trade, has the right to return the token or tokens (or other merchandise) for full refund within 15 days for any reason satisfactory to himself.

= LITTLE WILLIE'S BUS LINE OF LAFAYETTE, LA. =

By Donald N. Mazeau

It has been over a year since I obtained this information about Little Willie's Bus Line, and I have delayed the story because my contact in Lafayette knows the whereabouts of two of the tokens used on this line. My efforts to obtain them have, however, been futile. So if there is anyone planning to make a personal visit to Lafayette, who would like to have this token for his collection, I will provide the name and address of my contact in exchange for the second token. Perhaps a tactful plea in person could secure the tokens.

Little Willie was more formally known as Wilbur Lewis, a short man weighing 250 pounds and of mixed racial parentage. My informant has a photo of Willie taken in the year 1900, which shows him to be about 30 years old. Mr. Lewis owned a livery stable next to Babcock's Hotel at the corner of Garfield and Vermillion, and carried passengers from the hotel to the Texas & New Orleans RR Depot at the corner of Main & Jefferson. The bus was horse-drawn and carried eight passengers, and was open except for a candy-striped canvas roof.

When not busy with the hotel trade, Mr. Lewis' bus was used by courting couples and was the traditional way to arrive at parties. Some of the younger men also relied on Mr. Lewis to carry them to the various "sporting houses" which abounded in Lafayette. I have been unable to learn the exact dates when this line operated, and I am only certain it was running in 1900.

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= THE BAPTIST SEMINARY STREET RAILWAY TOKEN =

When Marie Johnson first reported this aluminum token, we had no idea whatever where it came from originally. In the months between then and now, Mrs. Johnson has been writing many letters in an effort to find the origin of this very interesting token. At length her efforts were crowned with success. On October 23 of this year she wrote a Baptist Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas. Back came the following letter, from Professor Robert A. Baker of the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary of Fort Worth:

Dear Mrs. Johnson: Your letter of October 23 has been referred to me. The token which you acquired is a relic of our past history here. When the Seminary moved to Fort Worth from Waco, Texas, in 1910, the campus was located several miles south of the city, and the city transportation system stopped about two miles north of our school. For several years the school operated a private bus system from our campus to the city connection two miles away. It was at this time that tokens similar to the one you have were issued. Some years later the city extended their transportation service to our campus and the Seminary bus system was discontinued. I have never seen one of these tokens, and do not know whether you could find any more of them.

It seems strange that the "bus sytem" to which the professor refers would use a token with the words "ST. RY. CO." on it, but it appears likely that, as the line was considered an extension of the street railway system of the city, that they used the term for simplicity. We are satisfied that Fort Worth is the proper attribution of the token, and have listed it from there in this month's Supplement.

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NOTICE! AFTER AUGUST 15, 1884, RED RUBBER CHIPS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED FOR PASSAGE OVER THE BROWNSVILLE FERRY - REDEEMABLE AT THE COLLECTOR'S OFFICE - BROWNSVILLE (SIGNED) W.W. MAYBERRY, ACCT. SUPT.

The foregoing printed notice was recently discovered by a Mr. A.A. Champion of Brownsville, who supplied information printed in the October 1964 Fare Box. Mr. Champion described the notice to Don Mazeau, who commented, "It looks like I am stuck with that old chip for sure!" referring to the one in his collection. At any rate, this shows that Texas 135 A was obsolete over 81 years ago.

= NEW FINDS =

Rare tokens are beginning to show up again here and there. Your Editor and Don Mazeau both hit the jackpot this month. Each found a Ky 680 L, the old Paducah City Railway token listed last month, and this makes three of them known. When we compared our two tokens, we were surprised to notice that they are different. Don's token has two little stars on the reverse (as does Joe Kotler's), while my token has no stars. So you can put down (Vars.) after the listing for Ky 680 L.

Don Mazeau also picked up a rare Philippines token, Phil 400 A from ILOILO, at the recent N.E.V.A. meeting in New York. Don very thoughtfully and generously sold the token to Your Editor.

Gerald Johnson reports that he recently obtain a couple of rare ones: Pa 745 E, the fibre Parkers Landing Bridge token, and Wisc 420 E, the Henry Meany depotel from Manitowoc. (He also got a different Meany one, listed this month as 420 F.) Gerald adds that he also had a nice lead on a Wisconsin turnpike token, and says he already has a 5¢ token for the turnpike and is looking for more of them.

John Trembley of Fort Ord, Calif., reports that he recently found the extremely rare Oswego, Kansas, depotel token. "I have a census token that I think you will want to keep track of," he writes. "It is a Kans 770 A. It's a little bent but otherwise in good shape. I got it from a vest pocket coin dealer that I do a lot of trading in foreign coins. I also picked up a Calif 575 Ab that he held me up for. The horsedrawn trolleys are hard to come by and apparently everyone thinks they have extremely high value."

Joe Kotler sends in the following interesting account of what he found on a recent trip to Europe:

Last year on my trip to Europe, I found quite a few tokens, at least two of which could be classed as rare. The most amazing of these was the streetcar pictorial token of the Lykens Valley Street Railway (Pa 585 A), which was uncovered in a Paris book shop of all places. It was the only American token I found on the whole trip.

The other rare token was from a Paris omnibus circa 1830. It is inscribed: BEARNAISES, UNE COURSE on the obverse, with a coat of arms on the reverse. Kenneth Smith's Foreign Check List catalogues it as France 660 A. For a while I was doubtful the token was from Paris and even that it was a fare piece. (Bearn is a region in southeastern France near the Spanish border.) The "expert" at the Cabinet des Medailles of the French National Library was certain the little copper disc was an admission ticket to a cow race in Bearn! Doubts were dispelled when I came across the book A HUNDRED YEARS OF PARIS TRANSPORT, which gave histories of early omnibus competition and included a drawing of the "Bearnaises" coach. It seems the line got its name from the driver and conductor, who were dressed in the local costume of Bearn. Thus I added this rare European token to my collection from a coin dealer's trays. And that's literal. In Europe the dealers really have trays and cabinets, unlike the descriptive inaccuracy used by their American counterparts.

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= NEW BOOK ON CALIFORNIA FERRIES =

A new book, *Ferries of The South*, by Walt Wheelock, gives much of the fascinating story of the ferryboats that operated in Southern California. The 39-page booklet contains 19 photographs including many early views, several previously unpublished. There are scale drawings of ferries and five maps showing the locations of the routes.

The first ferry service recorded within the confines of the present United States was operated on the eastern boundary of California, 80 years before the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth Rock. Today ferries are a vanishing institution. The grand old San Francisco Bay ferries are a memory. But three communities in southern California still rely on ferry service.

The book sells for only a dollar, and we think it is worth it.

= THE WICHITA-ELECTRA STAGE LINES =

By Andrew Morgan

Recently at a "Trades-Day" in the nearby city of Bowie, Texas, I met a lady who is an antique dealer. She showed me a token with the wording "WICHITA-ELECTRA STAGE LINES, GOOD FOR ONE RETURN TRIP ELECTRA TO IOWA PARK OR WICHITA FALLS". It is about 38mm in diameter, white, fibre, blank on reverse. It was given to this lady by a man who found it in an old house he was wrecking in the city of Iowa Park. She told me it was used on a horse-drawn stage line, but I was doubtful, knowing that the two cities were not founded until after the coming of the railroads.

After considerable research, I met the widow of a driver of a car which he owned and operated on a jitney line. She told me the name of the line was the "Wichita-Electra Stage Lines." The line began operations about 1917 or 1918, with seven Cadillacs and Chandlers, 7-passenger cars, and each driver owned his own car and invested a minimum of $350 for one-half share of stock. As there were no tickets or ticket agents, each driver collected the fare in cash, and those who paid for a round trip were given one of the tokens for the return trip. The line also operated north of Wichita Falls 15 miles to the city of Burkburnett, and during the Burkburnett oil boom they charged $7.00 per person from Burkburnett to Wichita Falls. As the highway was built westward the line extended into the Texas Panhandle. (This highway is now known as Highway 287, extending from Montana to Orange, Texas.)

In 1924 the line was renamed Wichita Bus Company, and used Mack buses each of which had 8 or 10 seats and each of these seats accommodated four people, and every seat had a door opening to the outside.

In 1936 the Bowen Bus Company bought the franchise, paying $10,000 for every half share of stock held by the original stockholders. Later the Continental Bus System bought the franchise and still operates under it today. A total of 49 years of bus service.

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= THE J.L. SMITH HACK LINES OF MINOT, N.D. =

The Editor recently obtained newspaper publicity in Minot, North Dakota, in a search for the rare depotel tokens once used in that city. I did not obtain any of the rare metal tokens (did get four cardboard ones), but I located Mr. J.L. Smith who issued several of these tokens. Mr. Smith, who is now 93 years old, lives in Missouri, and was gracious enough to supply the following information about his very interesting years of service to the people of Minot. His letter follows:

Dear Mr. Coffee: I received your letter regarding bus tokens and part of my business history. I came to Minot, N.D., March 22, 1901 at 11 a.m. Same year started "Transfer Baggage Line" known for 22 years as "Minot Transfer Co." About 1920 I dropped the Minot Transfer Co. name and took over the franchise of "Yellow Cab Co."

About this time we changed from horse to motor vehicles. In 1925 started the street car bus around the city on time schedule 10¢ fare. (Also an ambulance.) Sold the taxi line in 1943 and the St. Car Bus Line in 1948. Continued to operate the "Citizens Garage" to 1957. In 1922 Clarence Parker (the Leland Hotel man) and I started the "Parker Motor Co." Ran this 36 years. At his death I assumed his interest and sold the corporation to Moe and Lahort--1957 (Dodge and Plymouth cars). I am enclosing 4 cardboard tokens of my buses. I have no aluminum or metal ones.

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= SEATTLE CLUB ELECTS NEW OFFICERS =

New officers of the Seattle Transportation Token Club for 1965-66 are Byron Johnson, President; Clarence Heppner, Vice-President; Al Koskie, Secretary-Treasurer. The club meets the second Friday of each month in the Seattle Public Library, and visitors are always welcome at this, the oldest transportation token society of all.

= NOVEMBER SUPPLEMENT TO THE FOREIGN CHECK LIST =
By Kenneth Smith

G E R M A N Y

Hamburg 390 (Corrected listing by Kenneth Smith)

	FAHRMARKE (ARMS WITH ANCHOR) Q U A I VERW.	
H o B Hx Sd	(blank)(26mm)	$0.50

Kiel 460 (Reported by Ralph Winant)(D,E,F, reported by F. Bingen)

	K.D.T.P.D.F. KIEL-KORSOR	
C o WM 28 Sd	I Kajute (I & II K.L. Bahn)	2.50
	KIELER STRASSENBAHN (STREETCAR)	
D o Z 20 Sd	Kieler Strassenbahn (posthorn)	.50
E o Z Ov Sd	" " " (22x15mm)	.50
F o Bz Oc Sd	Freifahrt Marke	.50

Lubeck 495 (Reported by K. Smith and G. Reno)

	LUBECKER PFERDE-EISENBAHN-GESELLSCHAFT L	
D o B Oc Sd	Lubecker Pferde-Eisenbahn-Gesellschaft (shield)(21mm)	2.50
	LUBECKER STRASSENBAHN (STREETCAR)	
E o K 20 Sd	Freimarke	1.00

Schleswig 815

	STRASSENBAHN DER STADT SCHLESWIG (STREETCAR)	
D o B 24 Sd	Zahlmarke Bleibt Eigentum des Magistrats fur Erwachsene	.50
E o B 24 Ch	(Like D, but with a 6mm hole removing "fur" and a 3x10mm /oblong hole removing "Erwachsene")	.50

(Note: 815 A is like D, but with a 6mm hole removing "fur")

F o Z 24 Sd	Zahlmarke Bleibt Eigentum des Magistrats Gut Fur 1 Fahrt	.50
G o Z 24 Ch	(like F, but a 6mm hole and 3x10mm hole removing the "Gut /Fur 1 Fahrt")	.50

(There is also another token, probably a freak, an 815 G with an extra 3x10mm oblong hole.)

(I saw the 815 A D E F G and the freak G in a local coin exhibition where the owner's name was left out. There were other German notgeld coins in the same same exhibit. The man included these tokens to show how the brass and zinc tokens used separately were first overpunched with a large hole for fare change and later the oblong overpunch, so that they could be used interchangeably.)

S C O T L A N D

Aberdeen 30 (all reported by D. Capper)

	ABERDEEN CORPORATION TRANSPORT (CITY ARMS)(SMALL LETTERS)	
CN Ci 23 Sd	4d.	.20

Dundee 300

	(CITY ARMS)	
BG Cp 22 Sd	Dundee Corporation Transport 6d.	.20

Glasglw 420

	GLASGOW CORPORATION TRANSPORT (ARMS)(NEW STYLE)	
DP Fe 23 Sd	2d.(Vars.)	.15
DQ Cr 23 Sd	3d.(Vars.)	.15

Please keep the foreign listings coming, and be sure to send along rubbings of the tokens when you send in reports.

Kenneth E. Smith - 328 Avenue F - Redondo Beach, Calif. 90277

= NOVEMBER SUPPLEMENT TO ATWOOD'S CATALOGUE =
By Ralph Freiberg

MISSOURI

St. Joseph 880 (Reported by Alexander Faubert)
ST. JOSEPH LIGHT & POWER CO.
I WM 23 S Good For One Fare $0.15

Patterns 998 (Reported by Harold Ford)
UNITED RAILWAYS CO. OF ST. LOUIS 1919
R WM 16 I Good For One City Fare

NEW YORK

Patterns 998 (Reported by John Clymer)
POUGHKEEPSIE & WAPPINGERS FALLS RY. CO.
O WM 16 L Good For One Fare [in 2 lines]

PENNSYLVANIA

Lancaster 525 (Relisting and revision with corrections)
ST. ANTHONY BUS (incuse letters)
W B 27 Pc (blank) .25
LANC. & E. TURNPIKE G. NO. 3 (incuse letters)
X o B SM Sd (blank)(32½x28mm) 3.50
[Lancaster & Elizabethtown Turnpike. Change the explanation after 525 I to read as above.]
ST. ANNE BUS (incuse letters)
Y B 28 Pc (blank) .25
ST. ANNE SCHOOL BUS (incuse letters)
Z B 29 Pc (blank) .25
ST. ANTHONY SCHOOL BUS (incuse letters)
AA B 28 Pc (blank) .25
NEW HOLLAND TURNPIKE 2 (incuse letters)
ABo B Sq Sd (blank)(Vars.) 3.50
[This token is really not a square, as its corners are rounded and it has little points extending from its sides, but "square" is the closest we can come to describing its shape. The varieties involve having the wording and the hole in different places on the token.]

TEXAS

Fort Worth 340 (Location discovered by Marie A. Johnson)[ex-Unidentified #98]
BAPT. SEM. ST. RY. CO.
P o A 24 Sd Good For One Half Fare 3.50

Wichita Falls 985 (Reported by Andrew Morgan)
WICHITA-ELECTRA STAGE LINES, GOOD FOR ONE RETURN TRIP
/ELECTRA TO IOWA PARK OR WICHITA FALLS
F o Fw 38 Sd (blank) 1.00

WASHINGTON

Seattle 780 (Reported by Gordon Yowell)
G S A REGION 10 ONE TRANSPORTATION UNIT
U o A 25 Sd (same as obverse) .25

WISCONSIN

Manitowoc 420 (Reported by Gerald Johnson)
HENRY MEANY LIVERY MANITOWOC, WIS.
F o A 25 Sd Good For One Ride From Hotel to Depot. 3.50
[420 E differs from 420 F in that "F" has "ONE RIDE" on one line, and a period after DEPOT. 420 E has "ONE RIDE" on two lines ("One" over "Ride") and no period after DEPOT]

= NOTES BY RALPH FREIBERG =

Heading this month's list is a new school token from St. Joseph. I remember the days after the war when we had a flock of new adult fares at the 2/25 rate... and now there is the possibility that other companies which never had anything but a 5¢ or 10¢ rate for students will get some school tokens. I don't know at this time when the new rate went into effect at St. Joseph, but when I learn I shall mention it in a later issue.

We have a couple of old patterns to list this month, which we have just learned about. I believe that the manufacturer, in submitting a proof or pattern of their workmanship to a potential customer, would just set the type and strike it on any spare planchets that they had on hand.

We had a couple of tokens listed incorrectly from Lancaster, Pa., and since we have a number of new collectors since our Catalogue was printed, I figured it was best to relist these tokens from Lancaster. I had not seen a couple of these tokens, but now that I have them we can list them correctly.

When we bring out the new catalogue we plan to list the turnpike tokens from Lancaster County, and the other tokens from the city of Lancaster. These old turnpike tokens keep showing up, and by putting them all together under the county, it will avoid listing turnpike tokens and bus tokens all mixed in together. Mr. Ferguson reported the new New Holland Turnpike token. We already have a 3 and a 4 for this turnpike, and now we have a 2. Presumably there will also be a 1 eventually discovered by somebody. As to the shape of the token, all we can do is call it a square, as it roughly resembles a square. We hope to have photographs of these odd-shaped turnpike tokens in the new catalogue which will save us the trouble of trying to explain what they look like.

See the story elsewhere in this issue on the origin of the Baptist Seminary Street Railway token. It was originally discovered by Marie Johnson, and now after months of searching for information about it, she struck pay dirt (but no more tokens.) There is also an article elsewhere about the big round cardboard token from Wichita Falls, Texas.

Gordon Yowell found a couple of the GSA 10 tokens in a Seattle die-stamping firm, and subsequently John Coffee and Clarence Heppner visited the General Services Administration offices in Seattle searching for more tokens. After being solemnly assured by half a dozen employees that "no tokens were ever used by us," they found a man down in the motor pool who remembered that these aluminum tokens were, indeed, used a couple of years ago on a little bus operated by the GSA, for government employees travelling about Seattle. The man dug through his drawer, but couldn't find any more of the tokens. This makes 3 tokens of this design now known: Washington, D.C. - Denver - Seattle. We wonder if any others were used elsewhere.

Gerald Johnson found a Henry Meany depotel token and figured he had the 420 E. Then he located a second one, and noticed they two had different reverses, thereby realizing that the first one he found was new and unlisted. He thinks the 420 F is the older of the two--"It has a more oxidized surface, also is more beat up," he says. If you ever come across a depotel token that appears already to have been listed, be sure to check it against a photograph, if possible. You may have an entirely different token!

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THREE OLD SUTTER STREET HORSECARS FOUND IN SAN FRANCISCO

When a little house at 330 Ninth Avenue in San Francisco was about to be demolished recently, it developed that the house had been made out of three old horsecars once used on the Sutter Street line! The cars, numbers 60,68,69, of the old United Railroads, had been horse-drawn on Market Street, and grip-car pulled on the Sutter Cable Line, in the days prior to the Great Earthquake & Fire of April 18, 1906. A Mr. Edward Zelinsky purchased the three car bodies for $3,500, and plans to restore one of them to its original condition. What he will do with the others is not known.

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= NOVEMBER PARKING TOKEN SUPPLEMENT TO ATWOOD'S CATALOGUE =

By Duane H. Feisel

ILLINOIS

Chicago 3150 (Reported by Mrs. Mary Allen)
COOK COUNTY FEDERAL SAVINGS (GATE)
AS Bz 25 Sd Parcoa Token (gate)(Rev. D) $0.25

INDIANA

Michigan City 3610 (Reported by Don Edkins)
MEMORIAL HOSPITAL PARKING GATE TOKEN MICHIGAN CITY, IND.
A B 23 Sd For Use In Parking Lot Gate Only .25

KENTUCKY

Louisville 3510 (Reported by Edkins)
METHODIST EVANGELICAL HOSPITAL
A B 23 Sd Louisville, Kentucky .25

LOUISIANA

Baton Rouge 3080 (Reported by Edkins)
COMPLIMENTS OF OUR LADY OF THE LAKE HOSPITAL
D B 23 Sd (same as obverse) .25

MICHIGAN

Grand Rapids 3370 (Reported by Edkins)
BUTTERWORTH HOSPITAL
H B 23 Sd Grand Rapids, Michigan .15

NEBRASKA

Holdrege 3480 (Reported by Edkins)
HOLDREGE CAR PARK 415 GARFIELD STREET HOLDREGE, NEBRASKA
A B 23 Sd Parking Token .25

NEW JERSEY

Camden 3115 (Reported by Edkins)
COOPER / HOSPITAL / CAMDEN / NEW JERSEY
A B 23 Sd (same as obverse) .25
B WM 23 Sd " " " .25
COOPER / HOSPITAL / CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY
C B 23 Sd (same as obverse) .25
D WM 23 Sd " " " .25

NORTH CAROLINA

Charlotte 3160 (Reported by Odell Morgan)
MERCY HOSPITAL DOCTORS PARKING LOT
G B 25 Sd (blank) .25

OKLAHOMA

Enid 3300 (Reported by Mrs. Allen)
B & B PARKING LOT ENID, OKLAHOMA (GATE)
C Bz 25 Ch Parcoa Token (gate)(Rev. A) .50

PENNSYLVANIA

Uniontown 3930 (Reported by Edkins)
UNION TOWN HOSPITAL (GATE)
D Bz 25 Sd Parcoa Token (gate)(Rev. D) .25

VIRGINIA

Portsmouth 3660 (Reported by Foster Pollack)
CITY OF PORTSMOUTH, VA.
E B 23 Sd Good Only In Parking Lot Meters .15

WISCONSIN

Milwaukee 3510 (Reported by Edkins)
MEMORIAL CENTER / PARKING / CHECK
U B 23 Sd Be Our Guest $0.25
(On A, the obverse wording is arranged as follows:
MEMORIAL / CENTER / PARKING / CHECK)

UNIDENTIFIED (Reported by Julius Sherr)
DRS. GAY'S OFFICE (GATE)
3036 Bz 25 Sd Parcoa Token (gate)(Rev. C)

CORRECTION

Ohio 3335 B: On reverse, spelling on token is CUSTUMER instead of CUSTOMER.

= PARKING TOKEN NOTES BY DUANE H. FEISEL =

Thanks to all of you who participated in the questionnaire pertaining to the new parking token catalogue. Your suggestions have been very helpful, and many will be incorporated in the new catalogue. Typing of the pages for the printer will be started about December 10 (right after I return from deer hunting in Pennsylvania), so do not delay reports of new tokens. We want this catalogue to be as complete as possible. The new close-up Polaroid camera being purchased by the AVA will be used in making photographs, and once the equipment is delivered, some of you will be asked to lend tokens for photography. Since I expect to devote most of the month of December to working on the catalogue, my non-essential correspondence will be kept to a minimum during that time.

Heading the list of new tokens for this month is one from Chicago. The Cook County Federal Savings and Independence Hall of Chicago (Ill 3150 AF) are connected, and use the same parking facility. The parking gate, previously reported as having been removed, has been reinstalled and controls parking in a prive lot meant for customers of the bank or visitors to Independence Hall.

In Michigan City, the Memorial Hospital has a special parking lot for emergency and doctors' use only. Exit from this lot is possible with the token, $1.00 in change, or a special parking card. The tokens have been in use since 1963. Since the tokens are ordinarily not sold, but have been made available to collectors at 25¢ each, this price is being used as the catalogue value rather than the $1 fee.

Similarly, while the parking fee at the Methodist Memorial Hospital is $1.50, the tokens have been made available at a lower price--hence the lower catalogue pricing. The tokens, in use since September, 1960, are apparently provided free of charge to visitors.

The hospital token from Baton Rouge was placed in use in October, 1965, and apparently operates a gate in the hospital's private parking lot.

A special gate-controlled lot, situated at a farther distance from the hospital than lots designated for public use, is used for employees at Butterworth Hospital. Entrance to the lot is only by token or special parking card. Employees can purchase the tokens at 15 for $1. As yet the hospital is unwilling to supply the tokens to collectors. The gate installation appeared to me to be relatively recent.

The Brewster Clinic, located adjacent to Holdrege Car Park, provides tokens to patients and most employees free of charge for use on the gate-controlled lot. The tokens are also sold to nearby business firms who pass them out to customers. The gate also operates with 25¢ cash and the special parking cards. First use of the tokens was September, 1961.

The Cooper Hospital tokens have been used since 1961, and apparently at least two batches were obtained. The brass tokens are used by volunteer workers; the WM tokens by employees. Note the method of listing these tokens wherein a slash mark (/) is used to denote that the word appears on a new line; this method will be used in the future (and in the new catalogue) when there is any ambiguity in the listings for two tokens related to the way the words are arranged on lines. This simple method saves many awkward descriptions, and should be readily grasped by the collec-

tor as it is a standard practise in many other token listings. This month it is used again for Wis 3510 U. Any objections or comments?

The Mercy Hospital in Charlotte, N.C., has strong objections to supplying tokens to collectors, so no use wasting your time writing for this one. The token, placed in use in May, 1964, is provided to volunteer auxiliary workers at the hospital to operate the gate-controlled entrance to a small parking lot which is also used by doctors. Coins are not used; the doctors are issued special parking cards.

Information is lacking regarding the new Oklahoma and Pennsylvania items.

After months of effort, information is finally available concerning the Portsmouth, Va., token. When my inquiries to the city clerk and the chamber of commerce brought replies that tokens had never been used in Portsmouth, my suspicions were aroused. However, contact was finally made with the proper party who did provide the information that the tokens have been used since July 3, 1962; that 11,000 were made, and that they are used only on municipally-owned parking lots. Obviously the parking token plan is not too popular or widely known.

A new order of tokens for the Milwaukee County War Memorial Center has resulted in a new token for collectors as the arrangement of the wording on the obverse is different from Wis 3510 A.

Parking token new issues service subscribers can expect to receive at least the following tokens: Ill 3150 AS, Ind 3610 A, Ky 3510 A, La 3080 D, Va 3660 E, and Wis 3510 U. These tokens will not be mailed out until about December 10. A few more collectors can still be accommodated in PTNIS.

So that any new tokens may be included in the new catalogue, they should be reported immediately to:

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= NOVEMBER NEW ISSUES SERVICE REPORT =

By John G. Nicolosi

First of all, let me say "Welcome!" to all of you new Associate Members. Those of you who sent in their $10.00 checks have already received their first token; those of you who did not will miss out on that token as well as this month's new issues. A lot of you who are at the top of the waiting list, and have been there for several years, have not taken advantage of the opportunity to become Associate Members. Associate Memberships are not going to remain open indefinitely. As a matter of fact, one week after this issue of THE FARE BOX is distributed, Associate Memberships will be closed and will not be opened again for some time. So now is the time to send in your $10 check, if you have been on the waiting list and want to move up to Associate Member status. If you have any questions, write me immediately.

Incidentally, very few of you new Associate Members have indicated to me which tokens you collect. Please let me know if you also want Canada or other foreign tokens. This is very important.

Within the next few months you will be getting a lot of foreign tokens from me, such as England, Ireland, and Scotland. I've already lined up about 40 to 50 tokens, some recently listed in supplements, others still unlisted.

This month all N.I.S. members, Associate and Regular, will receive Mo 880 I, a student token. Our thanks to Mr. Faubert for the lead on this one. Then you will receive two more foreign: one from Scotland, a 4d token, and another one from Darlington, England, a 2½d token, which will complete the set from Darlington. You were sent the other four in August of this year. Our thanks as usual to Joe Kotler for making these two available to us.

I was misinformed on the Haifa tokens sent out last month. The WM token is used from Top station on Mt. Carmel; the brass at the 5 lower stations where the fare is cheaper. The tokens are inserted in turnstiles. They were struck at the Paris Mint, in France. We appreciate this correct information sent in by Joe Kotler.

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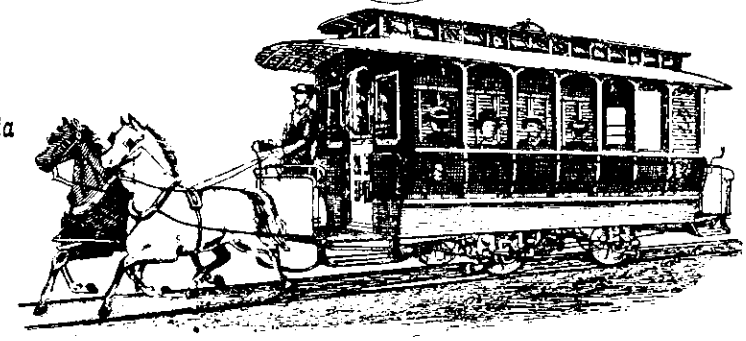

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Enclosed with this issue members will find their dues statement, which reminds you to be sure and send in your $4.00 A.V.A. membership dues for the year 1966. It has gone up a dollar since last year, but we expect 1966 to be the greatest year in our history, and it would be a poor time to drop out. So please mail your dues statement, together with $4.00, to the Secretary, Donald N. Mazeau - P.O. Box 31 - Clinton, Conn. 06413. Canadian members please send Canadian postal money orders payable in U.S. funds, or checks drawn on U.S. banks. You will receive only one more copy of THE FARE BOX if you don't pay your dues.

Sam Rabinowitz is preparing two plates of photographs of rare transportation tokens, and we hope to have these two pages ready for inclusion in the January issue. Cost of these pictures is partly being defrayed by profits from the sale of certain tokens by Donald Mazeau. In the future if any member finds a rare unlisted token, if he will send it by registered mail to the Editor for photographing, we'll snap it and return it by registered mail to you...and insert the picture in our next picture issue. We hope to have picture issues much more often in the future, possibly as often as every other month.

Joe Kotler (P.O. Box 248 - Glencoe, Ill.) has been selling Gothenberg, Sweden, ferry tokens contributed to us by the Harbor Board there, with the proceeds to go towards defraying publication costs of our new foreign catalogue. So far he has realized $109.00 (see article inside). Any member who still needs the tokens may order the set of two plastic tokens from Mr. Kotler for $1.00, with profits going to the Foreign Catalogue Fund.

A few readers have asked us to include our ZIP code number in the masthead. We haven't done this because it would cost us about $50.00 to replate the masthead. We scoured all over Boston to find this old type, and we'd not like to have to do it again. Eventually, of course, we shall rearrange our masthead and include the ZIP codes. Meanwhile, you can always find the one for our address in the ad for the AVA which appears each month at the end of the ad section. Boston, Mass. 02104. Ralph Freiberg's ZIP is 94117; Nicolosi's ZIP is 94601.

We close out our 19th volume with the largest year in history. But with the help of God, the membership, and the continuing stamina of your one-man production team in Boston, we'll surpass 200 pages in 1966.

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Age 36; Insurance Agency Supervisor. Collects all types. (*Coffee*)

760 WAYNE G. BAMFORD - 322 BUNGALOW DRIVE #3 - EL SEGUNDO, CALIFORNIA 90245
Age 27; Electronics Technician. Collects U.S., Canada, Parking. (*Kotler*)

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Age 44; Printer. U.S. & Parking. (*Marie Johnson*)

762 RALPH M. LEA - ROUTE 4, BOX 1320 - LODI, CALIFORNIA 95242
Age 40; Farmer & Surveyor. Collects all types. (*Hinde*)

763 DONALD CAPPER - 32 STANHOPE ST., REDDISH - STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE, ENGLAND
Age 29; Printing Manager. Collects English. (*Kotler*)

764 WALTER W. BOESE - 10 EAST TOKAY STREET - LODI, CALIFORNIA 95242
Age 46; Coin & Stamp Dealer. Collects all types. (*Nicolosi*)

765 GEORGE V. AMONETTE - 218 BENITA DRIVE - MARSHALL, TEXAS 75670
Age 42; Telephone Repairman. U.S. & Parking. (*Mazeau*)

766 W.J. DUNWOODY - 2906 SCOTT ROAD - BURBANK, CALIFORNIA 91504
Age 51; Accountant. U.S. only. (*Coffee*)

767 RAYMOND E. OLSON - 39850 SCHOOLCRAFT - PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN 48170
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Age 37; Sheet Metal Worker. Collects all types. (*Kotler*)

769 J.L. HARGETT - BOX 757 - OKMULGEE, OKLAHOMA 74447
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770 CLARA M. MIGLEY - 210 SOUTH MAPLE STREET - LANCASTER, OHIO 43130
Age 53; Registered Nurse. Collects all types. (*Coffee*)

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Age 45; Construction Inspector. Collects all types. (*Carman*)

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Age 38; Coin Dealer. Collects all types. (*Coffee*)

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Age 45; Correction Officer. Collects all types. (*Nicolosi*)

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Age 77; Retired. Collects all types. (*Carman*)

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776 DOUGLAS D. SMITH - BOX 5061 - GROSSE POINTE, MICHIGAN 48236
Age 42; Mortician. U.S. & Parking. (*Goyette*)

777 FRED W. CLEVELAND - ROUTE 4 - HOLDENVILLE, OKLAHOMA 74848
Age 44; Carpenter. Collects all types. (*Kotler*)

778 DONALD E. WAKEFOOSE - 240 WEST PENN STREET - BEDFORD, PENNSYLVANIA 15522
Age 34; Printer. U.S. & Parking. (*Kotler*)

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APPLICATION BLANKS

New application blanks for 1966 and now ready. Members wishing an application blank (to give to prospective new applicants) should mark a large "AP" on the left side of your dues statement when you send in your $4.00 1966 A.V.A. dues to the Secretary. Please be sure to include the dues statement when paying your dues, to insure proper credit.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS

We are securing new addressing equipment which requires the use of metal address plates. These plates cost us 11¢ apiece to have made. Therefore, because of the present high cost of preparing and mailing copies of THE FARE BOX, we are asking members to send us a dime to pay for a new plate when they report a change of address, except for the first one. One free address-change each year; a dime for each one after that will be very much appreciated. Kindly report address changes promptly to the Editor, and be sure to include your new ZIP CODE, so we can get it on the plate.

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= THE BENSON GARDENS JITNEY =
By Donald G. Punshon

In the days before mass ownership of automobiles it was almost impossible to sell home sites out in the country if public transportation was not available. To the real estate man the problem was: no transportation, no lots sold. The solution: to sell lots you must provide transportation.

Early in 1915 the real estate firm of Hastings & Heyden in Omaha, Nebraska, opened a new sub-division on the outskirts of Omaha, near the old town of Benson. They called their sub-division Benson Gardens, and sold one-acre farms, or home sites. As a service to the people, and in order to sell their lots, Hastings & Heyden themselves operated a 15-passenger jitney bus from the sub-division to the end of the streetcar line, a distance of about a mile. The bus continued in operation until the streetcar line was extended into the sub-division when it became a part of Omaha in mid 1917. This bus used the token listed as Unidentified #94 in the November 1964 issue of The Fare Box.

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The token listed as Netherlands West Indies 80 A (from Aruba) was used from 1949 to 1955....Topeka (Kansas) Transportation Co. has raised fares from 25¢ to 30¢ cash, and tokens from 4/90 to 3/75...Joe Kotler reports that 11 collectors have ordered his special horsecar calling card tokens (2 collectors ordered them in 2 diff. metals).

TRADE KANSAS 970 C,G,H; Ind 690 A; Pa 705 C; for war time nickels. 12 trades only. Bonus of Ohio 355 B for first 5 trades. Stamp please!
Hugh Raburn - 229 W. Apsley St. - Philadelphia, Pa. 19144

SELL LOT OF 50 DIFFERENT transp. tokens for $7.75 postpaid insured. Each lot will catalog $10 or more. Also sell the following at $1.00 each lot (1) 7 different transp. tokens including Mich 775 E; (2) 10 different sales tax tokens; (3) 4 different British transp. tokens; (4) 6 diff. slot machine or amusement tokens. All of the above will be postpaid. Will trade 1 GOOD FOR for each parking token (no Texas 3275 A or B). Only a few of each lot. (paid ad)
Don McKelvey - 2822 19th Avenue - Port Huron, Mich. 48060

WANTED: I would like to purchase a collection of about 1,000 different U.S. transportation tokens. Please write stating quantity and price.
Doug Williams - 4139 12th N.E., Apt. 300 - Seattle, Wash. 98105

FOR SALE: Nebr 540 Z, 50¢ and stamped self-addressed envelope. Also, auction to highest bidder: Fla 380 D; Nebr 800 B; Brit. Col. 450 A B C D E. Will answer highest bidders only.
Gerald A. Sochor - 1311 So. Glencoe St. - Denver, Colo. 80222

Have Ala 750 G; Pa 15 E; NY 945 D, for best offer in other tokens or cash. My new duplicate list of over 500 TT's ready for any member willing to exchange. Will appreciate your list of extras.
Roice V. Rider - 4001 6th Avenue - St. Petersburg, Fla. 33711

FOR SALE TO HIGHEST BIDDER: Ark 405 A; Colo 140 A; Iowa 110 C; Ky 520 A; Ind 680 A; Mich 65 B C G, 585 A, 845 H; Minn 730 B; Mo 130 A; Pa 725 C; Wisc 220 B, 500 B, 790 A; Unid. 95. = Marie A. Johnson - Box 176 - Tecumseh, Mich. 49286

FOR SALE TO HIGHEST CASH or trade offer: Conn 210 A; Ill 530 D; Mass 45 A; NY 630 AO 945 D; Ohio 175 Y, 440 E; Ore 700 I; Pa 775 Ba; Wash 780 S; Ont 200 A, 675 F G H; Que 620 X. = John A. Backora - 83 Markey St. - Bellville, Ohio 44813

AUCTION: DC 500 H, Z, AB, AG; Md 60 AD AK, 560 A B C D E (as a set); Va 20 N. Also have a few DC 500 AA and Md 60 AB AH at 75¢ each.
Edwin C. Lanham - 6116 N Street, S.E. - Washington, D.C. 20027

AUCTION TO HIGH BIDDER: SD 100 A; Tenn 215 B; 345 A B, 375 A B C D, 430 A B F G, 710 B; Tex 255 A (lge & sm let.) C D F, 265 A, 270 B, 445 J, 565 A, 710 D, 760 B, 985 A.
Harold V. Ford - 1999 Gaspar Drive - Oakland, Calif. 94611

PARKING TOKEN DUPLICATE LIST of items for sale and information on Parking Token New Issues Service for your stamped addressed envelope.
Duane H. Feisel - P.O. Box 215 - Medfield, Mass. 02052

NEW MEMBERS: 50 diff. transp. tokens from the State of Washington. No die vars., coated, or plated. All diff. listed numbers. Price $17.50. 5-day approval. Can't make a bad bargain when you get to look them over!
Clarence E. Heppner - 1331 Third Avenue - Seattle, Wash. 98101

LOOK: TT's 2¢ each. 1,000 for $20--50 each of 20 different. To highest bidder: Cal 745 G, 880 A; Conn 235 B; Iowa 640 Jb; Md 60 V; Mich 375 B, 470 A; NY 690 A; NC 130 A, 290 D, 380 C, 450 E, 680 B C, 700 D, 710 A, 770 B, 880 B, 3160 G, 3700 A; Ohio 440 B; Pa 15 E, 320 A, 400 C D.
Odell Morgan - Route 1 - Midland, N.C. 28107

STILL selling my 2x2 holders shipped prepaid per last issue Fare Box. Will trade for your dupes. Write me your offer. Some postage appreciated on trades & swaps. I need 1965 supplement to Atwood; all tokens from N.H., Conn 290 B thru O; Va 600 E C G H K M; Utah 125 A, 400 A, 525 B C, 650 A thru E, and several thousand more. What have you? Write! Thanks for response to last ad.
Ray Ingalls - 3202 E. New York St. - Indianapolis, Ind. 46201

CHECK LIST OF U.S. TRANSPORTATION TOKENS by B. Morganthau (1944) 70p. rare....$10.00
FERRIES OF THE SOUTH by W. Wheelock, 39p. illus. maps, excellent history..... 1.00
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FOR SALE: NJ 115 G H; NY 630 AN; Pa 705 C, 765 Z; WVa 240 B; Kans 970 G. 10¢ each plus stamped addressed envelope.
Al Zaika - P.O. Box 65 - Bellmawr, N.J. 08031

NEW CATALOGUE SUPPLEMENT! NEVA announces the publication of Supplement #2 to the 1965 Atwood Catalogue, to contain all transportation token new listings reported in supplements published in THE FARE BOX from November 1963 thru December 1965. Ready about March 1. Price $1.50 postpaid. Only 200 to be printed; format similar to the catalogue itself. (NEVA members paid up for 1966 get one free). Order yours now.
Northeast Vecturist Assn. - 1841 Broadway, Rm 808 - New York, NY 10023

FOR SALE AT $1.10 postpaid: Ariz 640 E. Buy it, and receive free a 25¢ token of my choice, or both Ariz 1000 B and C.
John G. Nicolosi - 3002 Galindo Street - Oakland, Calif. 94601

RED OPA TOKENS available. 33 assorted for $1 & stamped envelope, or trade for TT's totaling $1.50 cat. If you send all Missouri TT's, I'll send 38 reds. Last month's ad on blues still open. Kans 820 B thru I (set) for sale at cat. or will trade for Mo. TT's I need. Set of 14 diff. unc. sales tax tokens & 1 circ. at $1, or Mo. TT's cat. $1.40. = Jerry Bates - Box 546 - St. Charles, Mo.

My want-list of Kansas is available to those who might have a good Kansas token to trade or sell. I still have Tex 360 B and 555 A to trade for Kansas tokens of comparable catalogue value.
Hal N. Ottaway - 3002 Grail - Wichita, Kans. 67211

ONE LOT ONLY: 100 DIFFERENT 23mm tokens, a select lot as to condition and scarcity. All have a catalogue value of 15¢ but I feel they are well worth the price of $45.00. Sent on approval to the first interested party.
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WANTED: Ohio 440 D; Ill 350 A B; Ind 998 B; Ia 290 A, 850 I; Md 60 A D E F; Mass 115 C, 997 A C D, 998 A B; Mich 525 Ab B, 845 B Ca Cb; Miss 460 La; Mo 700 A B, 998 N o; NJ 997 E F H; NY 630 C Da Db K L M N O P Qd, 998 C D E; Pa 765 A; SC 310 A; DC 998 A; M.S. 15 A; Unid. 40; Ont 325 B; Que 345 A B C D E, 620 M, 825 B, 998 C. Trade or buy for cash.
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= ALL AUCTIONS LISTED IN THIS ISSUE CLOSE JANUARY 31 =

Any A.V.A. member may place an ad in THE FARE BOX, free of charge. You may advertise in every issue if you wish, No charge. Simply send your ad, written clearly on a separate sheet of paper with your name & address, to the Editor. Your ad must not exceed 6 lines including name & address, and if copy exceeds 6 lines, it will be cut to 6 lines unless you specify that you are willing to be billed at the rate of 85¢ per line for any over six. Your ad must be different each month, and must be submitted each month (don't send several at one time). Auctions may not list tokens catalogued at less than 25¢ in Atwood. Any member buying or trading with you has the right to return tokens or money within 15 days and call the deal off, no questions asked. If you publish an auction, you also have the right to refuse any bids you don't consider satisfactory. Your ads are the heart of THE FARE BOX, and we want them; so don't hesitate to advertise in your official publication. However, we do reserve the right to refuse any ad--but it's a right we rarely exercise.

= THE CURATOR'S YEAR-END REPORT =

By Robert M. Ritterband

The Curator duties were transferred to me after the close of last summer's New York Convention. Since then an endeavor has been made to upgrade our association's assets, plus a sincere attempt to increase the historical records and material holdings. Our single most important holding is a series of approximately 225 color slides of rare tokens, transportation subjects and scenes of earlier conventions. About three-fourths of them were protected by glass frames, so my first concern was also to encase the others. A generous donation by a California manufacturer made this possible without cost to our organization. At present the slides are all being re-catalogued, with new 3x5 file cards which carry the Atwood number, references to earlier files, etc. Members are reminded that these slides can be borrowed for local viewing. We hope that new contributions to this series will be made whenever any member has extra slides he wants to share with other present or future vecturists.

The results of my plan to increase our A.V.A. items has been very satisfactory. As a matter of history, a record was made of all current officers of the regional token clubs, which are so basic to the strength of our association. For our scrapbook, the printed programs, newspaper accounts, etc., of previous conventions are being rounded up. Members who have extras of this type of material are also asked to forward same for safekeeping.

A subject which had been neglected in the past was the souvenir tokens issued by annual convention committees and others. It seemed wrong to me that our association itself did not own a collection of this material which pertains so closely. Here again the response has been first-rate, and at this time we lack only three selections from our original want-list. The Seattle token of 1962 will be received soon, I believe. The Brattleboro 1958 issues are proving more elusive. The 10th Anniversary bronze medal, distributed that same year through Past President F. Gordon Smith, is now entirely out-of-print. Again we ask contributions on these, or I would consider paying for them and then making the contribution myself. Please write if you have any sources on the latter items.

Here is a list of this year's contributors: F. PAUL BIERY, 1964 convention ribbons; "A Brief History of the Turnpikes of Lancaster County, Pa." EMDE PRODUCTS INC. of Los Angeles, 100 sets of color slide protector frames and glasses. R.K. FRISBEE, set of 2 1963 convention tour tokens; 1963 convention programs; 1963 convention ribbons. BYRON JOHNSON, set of first ten issues of "The Seattle Vecturist," publication of Seattle Transportation Token Club (1965). EDRICK MILLER, facsimile copy of The Fare Box, Vol. 1, No. 1 (July 1947); Recap by the state of all U.S. transportation tokens thru Sept. 1964. RICHARD MUSSER, "A Brief History of the Turnpikes of Lancaster County, Pa." Set of maps to accompany above publication. JOHN NICOLOSI, set of 2 Brattleboro tokens which honor our association. FOSTER POLLACK AND N.E.V.A., 1965 convention boat ride token, parking token, and badge. ROBERT RITTERBAND, 1964 convention tour token; 1961 convention program (Minneapolis); 1961 convention souvenir card ("Hobby Pox"); set of 2 booklets on San Diego, Calif., transportation; "Token Catalogue for Alabama, Arizona and Arkansas" by Clyde Logsdon (1957); printing of 1000 3x5 slide collection file cards.

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= LONG ISLAND R.R. WORLD FAIR TURNSTILE TOKENS BEING MELTED DOWN =

Three hundred thousand of NY 631 S, the 28mm bronze tokens used in turnstiles to pay fare on special Long Island R.R. trains operating to the New York World Fair, were struck by Meyer & Wenthe of Chicago. Of these, 200,000 have now been melted down by a Belmont, N.Y., firm. They yielded 4,000 pounds of scrap bronze. The rail road is now rounding up as many of the remaining 100,000 as possible for melting. The only ones that will escape the melting pot will be those kept by collectors or as souvenirs by Fair goers. The tokens, which had a face value of 50¢, are among the most unusual numismatic items connected with the Fair. They were sold to collectors, inserted in a historical booklet, for $1.00. Not many of these token-bearing booklets were sold, and they are expected to become valuable collectors' items.

= THE CLAY LEE BUS LINE OF CHARLESTON, MISSOURI =

By J.M. Kotler

Back in July a Chicago coin dealer was able to furnish me with an unlisted large brass token [see Mo 190 A listed this month for description]. I had the report of this token all written up and was ready to submit my new find to the Catalogue Committee when I had a sudden change of heart. After reading the results of some of our member sleuths, I decided perhaps I should give it a try before letting others capitalize on my find. It always did seem a bit more rewarding to find a token at the source, than by scouring a dealer's box of miscellany.

In November I finally found time to write the local newspaper in Charleston. I never heard from the editor, nor saw what he wrote, but in a very short time I received the following pleasant reply:

Dear Mr. Kotler: Noticed in the Enterprise-Courier you were seeking information about the Clay Lee Bus Lines. I am a niece of his wife and was reared in their home. My mother passed away when I was eleven and I lived with them until I married. I am now 72, and I don't ever remember any other line of work my uncle was in except the bus. It was first drawn by two gray horses, and then later mounted on a Ford chassis. We had six trains a day, and one train at 2:30 in the morning. He missed very few trips. There were two hotels--the Kendrick and the Mitchell--and he did have tokens for the ride. I still have one, but the manufacturer's name is not on it. It is just plain on the reverse side.

I do have a picture of my uncle but not of his bus. He operated this line until his death. Which he met the 8:30 train, came home about ten in the morning, and passed away rather suddenly at noon. He was born August 2, 1868, and died on his birthday, August 2, 1924. His wife passed away three years after his death. Born August 2, 1873; died April 23, 1927. I am the closest living relative and do hope this little information will be helpful. = Mrs. Ralph Carson.

Needless to say, Mrs. Carson's letter and information were most helpful. She was kind enough to let me have her token, and, indeed, it is different from the first one. The second Clay Lee token measures 28.4mm, and we should list it as 28, while the first token is almost an exact 29mm. The obverse and reverse of both tokens have beaded borders, but the reverse of the second is otherwise blank.

In addition to these size and reverse variations, the obverses have different spacings. On both tokens the words CLAY LEE CHARLESTON, MO. are incuse around the outside. The remainder of the inscription is raised letters from a die striking in the center. One obvious difference is the relationship of the T in TRIP to the ¢ sign. On the larger token the T points above the ¢ and on the smaller (with the blank reverse) the T points below the ¢.

By the acquisition of this second Clay Lee token and its history, you can now number me among those who know that it pays to research your tokens. In a subsequent letter Mrs. Carson has told me that she has "checked with others here and no one has any of these tokens." I was very happy to have found her and to get some information on these little relics of pioneer buses.

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= *DECEMBER NEW ISSUES SERVICE REPORT* =

By John G. Nicolosi

By custom, we don't send out new issues in December. In January you will receive England 50 BK BL BM BO BP, 605 BF BG BH. We can't get 50 BN at this time, but may in the future. Our thanks to Ken Smith for making these available to us. We have already sent the Turkey tokens, and Darlington, England, tokens to regular members (in July) but didn't have enough for Associate Members.

Owen Sound Bus Co. has had my check since September 23 and no reply, so it is beginning to look as though we may not get these tokens for you.

Expect to have a new U.S. ferry token for you before long.

= CHICAGO CLUB STRIKES MEDAL TO HONOR FREIBERG'S VISIT =

By Donald G. Punshon

Over 25 members attended the December 12 meeting of the Chicago Area Token & Medal Society. The guest speaker was Ralph Freiberg, Chairman of the A.V.A. Catalogue Committee and New Issues Editor of The Fare Box. He spoke on the problems faced by the Catalogue Committee in listing tokens correctly. CATAMS presented Mr. Freiberg with a silver card in appreciation of his visit. The club also had a limited-issue nickel-silver medal struck in honor of his visit. The medal is one that should be in every vecturist's collection. The medals are for sale to members of the Chicago club for 50¢ and to non-members of the Chicago club for $1.00. Medals may be ordered from Mrs. Joan Lapa - 22 W. Madison St., Rm 241 - Chicago, Ill. A stamped self-addressed envelope will be appreciated.

After the meeting was over there was an informal "token talk" session with Ralph Freiberg. The only complaint voiced by the members was the apparent trouble we had with the clock, as the time passed much too rapidly. We all hope Ralph will return soon.

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= OBSOLETE SANTA CRUZ TOKENS GIVEN BY STORES =

By John L. Trembley

This Christmas Season the Santa Cruz Transit Company (California) contracted with several of the leading stores, to provide for the stores to give out obsolete bus tokens to customers, which were then honored by the company. All Santa Cruz tokens are now obsolete; the fare is 25¢ straight. If any collector needs Calif 825 D,F,H, these may be purchased from the company for 20¢ each (address: 913 Pacific Street) and stamped envelope.

I will also be glad to send any collector who needs it Calif 525 E for 20¢ plus stamped envelope. This is a case where catalogue value is only 15¢ but the tokens actually sell for 5/$1 from the company. Write me at 127 Luzon Road - Fort Ord, California 93941.

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= TOKENS OF HANNIBAL, MISSOURI =

By Lewis D. Withington

I have picked up a few items in regard to the Hannibal tokens that may be of interest to members. The Hannibal Bus Company bought out the street railway company. All tokens on hand at that time were melted down and sold for scrap. The C token showing special fare was used as a school token, as was the one with the 1/2 fare on it. These saw only a short period of use, as the local townspeople found they worked quite satisfactorily in the 25¢ one-armed bandits. They were shortly replaced with the "Tom Huck" token, which was smaller in size and would not work in the slot machines. The purpose of the pierced hole in the Mark Twain tokens was so that they could be strung on a large safety pin. These sold at 16 for $1, and a large safety pin just held the 16 tokens. This was the way they were sold by the company. According to the information I received there were no tokens purchased without the hole in them.

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= CATALOGUE FUND $109 RICHER FROM SALE OF SWEDISH FERRY TOKENS =

Joe Kotler has sent the Editor a check for $109, earmarked to help defray publication costs of our projected Foreign Catalogue. This money represents profit from the sale of Gothenberg, Sweden, ferry tokens through The Fare Box, Coin World, and the New Issues Service. The tokens were given to us free of charge by the Gothenberg Harbor Board, for whose generosity we are much indebted.

= NEW FINDS =

Things have been pretty quiet over the holidays, and mail coming into our box at the main post office in Boston has been the slowest I have seen it in years. But your Editor did manage to add one that I've been after for years and years. In December, I picked up the very rare Fort Benton, Montana, ferry token--the Mont 320 B, the original no less. And when you see an original, and compare it with one of the little restrikes, you certainly can tell the difference! I have always considered the two Fort Benton ferry tokens among the half dozen most desirable transportation tokens in the catalogue (the others: NY 630 A; Pa 750 H I J). The only other collectors who own Mont 320 B are Max Schwartz and Dan DiMichael. There is also a specimen in the A.N.S. Museum in New York, and one at the Fort Benton Historical Museum. Recent research indicates that the dates in our catalogue may be incorrect, and that the ferry operated in the late 1870's and early 1880's. These tokens are truly memories of the old Wild West. I first started after them in 1959 when I visited Fort Benton and obtained newspaper publicity there, which netted me no ferry tokens, but someone did send me, gratis, a nice Mont 660 A, at the time. Since then a man in a small town in western Montana wrote me that he had the "50" token, but he didn't want to part with it. Now, after over two years, he decided to accept my offer, and sent the token. It was worth waiting for.

Among other good luck this past month, John Palmer reports he recently picked up one of the Beach Hotel tokens of Galveston, Texas--but he didn't say which one. And W.A. Whitfield writes that he just picked up a Nebraska 540 A. All those early Lincoln, Nebr., tokens are rare as hens' teeth.

Joe Kotler writes of his good fortune, too: "Aften ten months searching, I was rewarded with two of the pictorial Moscow (U.S.S.R.) subway tokens in the same week! Both came from separate collectors in Europe. Grant Schmalgemeier has obtained my duplicate. The known census on this unusual piece now stands: Ferguson, Schmalgemeier, Neil Shafer, myself, and the original discovery which belongs to a Dutch numismatist."

We hope to have photographs of both varieties of the Moscow subway tokens (they apparently were used back in the 1920's) in the January issue, along with pictures of lots of other rare previously unphotographed transportation and parking tokens.

Benjamin Egerton of Baltimore recently purchased from a non-member a collection of Maryland tokens, which included some rarities: Md 60 C E D H O S X, and DC 500 G and N. He adds, "These tokens came by way of the Phil Straus Maryland collection, sold to Selitz, sold to Dr. Rothstein, to me. Phil Straus was an ardent token and coin collector in Baltimore who died between 5 and 10 years ago. His collection went in all directions before and after his death. Many of the tokens I have once belonged to him, and many found their way into the Fulds' collections. Straus was a contemporary competitor of Frank Duffield, being in the same Baltimore Coin Club."

If you have picked up any census tokens recently, why not write the Editor and tell us how you found them. I am often told that our "New Finds" page is the most interesting part of THE FARE BOX.

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= *NEW BOOK ON NÜRNBERG-FÜRTH PICTORIAL TOKENS* =

An excellent 34-page booklet on the 45 pictorial streetcar tokens issued by the line which operated from Nürnberg to Fürth, in Germany, has been published by Major Arthur Hyman. These 45 tokens each depicting a different scene were struck in 1921 but never placed in use. "Almost the entire mintage was put into the hands of dealers." But they are beautiful tokens, and are not expensive. A set is worth no more than $15. Major Hyman's book fills a long-felt need, for he pictures each token, and tells the story behind the picture on it. He also includes a brief and interesting history of the city itself. The book is a valuable addition to one's transportation token library, and we recommend it highly. It is available for the nominal price of $1.00, and if you wish a copy, you may order it directly from Major Hyman, at 246 Cresham Drive - San Antonio, Texas 78218.

= DECEMBER SUPPLEMENT TO ATWOOD'S CATALOGUE =
By Ralph Freiberg

COLORADO
Trinidad 860 (Reported by Sam Rabinowitz)
TRINIDAD ST. R.W. 5 GOOD FOR ONE 5c. FARE
E o Vi 23 Sd 11 Tickets 50 Cents F.T. Moore Sup't C.P.T. $5.00

MINNESOTA
Patterns 998 (Reported by Marie A. Johnson)
WESTSIDE RY. CO. MINNEAPOLIS
C B 23 Sd Good For One Fare (horsecar)

MISSOURI
Charleston 190 (Reported by Joseph Mark Kotler)
CLAY LEE CHARLESTON, MO. GOOD FOR ROUND TRIP 25¢
A o B 29 Sd S.G. Adams S. & S. Co. St. Louis. 5.00
B o B 28 Sd (blank) 5.00
[On both 190 A and B, the words "CLAY LEE CHARLESTON, MO." are incuse.]

Patterns 998 (Reported by Harold Ford)
K.C. RYS. CO. FULL FARE (STARS)
S WM 16 Bar (same as obverse)

NEBRASKA
Omaha 700 (Location reported by Donald G. Punshon)
ACRE FARMS BENSON GARDENS HASTINGS & HEYDEN
Z o A 29 Sd Good For 5¢ Benson Gardens Jitney 1.00

PENNSYLVANIA
Pittsburgh 765 (Reported by Daniel DiMichael)
43rd. ST. BRIDGE 2
ADo B 20 Sd (blank) 3.50

SOUTH DAKOTA
Patterns 998 (Reported by Daniel DiMichael)
DEADWOOD CENTRAL R.R. (ENGINE) S.S. & S. CO.
C Z 25 Sd Deadwood, Lead City. One Fare

WYOMING
Patterns 998 (Reported by Gordon Yowell)
EVANSVILLE BUSLINE
B B 20 Sd Good For One Fare

UNIDENTIFIED (Reported by a non-member)
C & H LINE GOOD FOR 5 TRANSPORTATION
104 A 21 Sd (blank)

= NOTES BY JOHN COFFEE =

Ralph Freiberg asked me to prepare the Supplement this month because most of the tokens had come to my attention first. Sam Rabinowitz leads off the month with a magnificent find from Trinidad, Colorado. Collectors have scoured Trinidad for the rare token listed from there, but so far the only one known is in Ralph Freiberg's collection. Now Sam comes up with the full fare token which we knew all along must exist. We still don't know what C.P.T. stands for on the token. Any ideas?

Marie Johnson picked up the horsecar token listed as a pattern from Minnesota some time ago, and swapped it to your Editor, who now owns it. It is identical to the white metal piece listed as Minn 998 A. The brass token does show some wear,

and the only reason we list it as a pattern is that we can find no trace of a firm called Westside Railway Company in the history of Minneapolis, and the token is otherwise identical to the Westside Railway Company horsecar token (with dentillations) from Milwaukee, Wisconsin. So Ralph Freiberg thinks these tokens were patterns, but personally I've got my doubts now that we have them in two metals. Some of the active sleuths among our Minneapolis members would do us a service if they studied the history of their city to see if there ever was a company with this name. Now that I have the token, I hope there was!

We have a good article by Joe Kotler in this issue on the Clay Lee depotel tokens and how he found them. The die work is different on the two tokens, in addition to the size differential, and the absence of the manufacturer's mark on the reverse on the B token. The "S. & S. Co." probably stands for "seal and stencil company." We hope to have photographs of both tokens in an early issue.

Harold's Kansas City pattern in white metal is otherwise identical to the regular brass issues that were used there.

See the excellent article elsewhere about the Benson Garden Jitney token, which was traced down by Don Punshon, who is responsible for reducing the size of our Maverick list by his many investigations. Keep up the good work!

Dan DiMichael has had the 43rd Street Bridge token with blank reverse for a long time, and we thought maybe it simply had the reverse inscription rubbed off, or that the listed token (765 U) was a mistake. However, in 1964 your Editor visited both the Blacks (who own 765 U) and DiMichael (who owns 765 AD), and verified that the 765 U does have the inscription as listed, and the 765 AD has a true blank reverse.

There are several of these very thin patterns of the Deadwood Central tokens, which I believe were restruck from the original dies much later than the original thick white metal tokens were struck...perhaps for some celebration. Dan DiMichael now adds a zinc pattern to the bronze and aluminum ones already listed.

Gordon Yowell sent me a rubbing of the Evansville Busline pattern listed this month. We don't know for certain it was a pattern, but we presume so. New collectors will be interested in the story of why there are two metals of each of the 3 varieties of the regular issues of this company. Seems the bus line was operated by a speakeasy during Prohibition times, primarily to carry patrons to the establishment. However, in the course of their business they naturally also carried a few "regular" (i.e., non-drinking) customers. Persons who were "OK" and were destined for the drinking establishment were given brass tokens; those who were not to be dropped at the speakeasy were given the white metal ones. This, at any rate, is the story told to me by Ed Levy, an old time collector in Colorado Springs, who ought to know.

We have no idea whatever of the origin of the C & H LINE token listed as Unidentified this month. Its 21mm size indicates that it probably was issued at least 15 years ago, because nowadays tokens are not permitted to be made the same size as U.S. coins (21mm = nickel size).

It might be appropriate here to conclude with a few remarks on the prices that collectors pay for tokens. From the prices realized of auctions which are published from time to time herein, our readers know that rare "census" tokens bring very high prices--several times catalogue value. We believe our listed prices reflect the true value of these tokens, based on supply and the relatively small demand for them. But if you are determined to own some token, we suggest that you give some long thinking before paying too much for it. Several of the tokens listed at $5 or $7.50 in Atwood's Catalogue, and therefore in the census category when the book was written in July, 1963, are no longer in the census category, and will be dropped in price in the next edition. So don't rush in and pay huge prices for a token just because it is listed at $5 or $7.50. Knowledge is power in this hobby...unless you know that a token is still rare, be careful. You can't go wrong if you try to stay reasonably close to the catalogue prices. Now if you go out and pay a huge price for a token, and then learn that someone has a barrel of them, don't say I didn't warn you. One clue to a token's loss of rarity is when you see several ads offering the same token in the same issue. So shop around, be careful, and remember that if you don't get the token today, you may get it tomorrow for less.

= DECEMBER SUPPLEMENT TO THE FOREIGN CHECK LIST =
By Kenneth E. Smith

E N G L A N D (all reported by D. Capper)

Barrow-in-Furness 50

BARROW-IN-FURNESS CORPORATION

BK	Cw 25 Sd	1d (vars. on all of these tokens)	$0.15
BL	Cr 25 Sd	1½d	.15
BM	Cb 25 Sd	2d	.15
BN	CI 25 Sd	2½d	.15
BO	Cp 25 Sd	3d	.15
BP	Cd 25 Sd	4d	.20

Darlington 230

COUNTY BOROUGH OF DARLINGTON TRANSPORT (ARMS)

BA	Cp 23 Sd	2½d.	.15
BB	Cb 23 Sd	3d.	.15
BC	Cz 23 Sd	3½d.	.15
BD	Co 23 Sd	4½d.	.20
BE	Cw 23 Sd	5d.	.20

Preston 605

PRESTON CORPORATION TRANSPORT PP (SITTING LAMB)

BF	Cr 23 Sd	1d.	.15
BG	Cw 23 Sd	1½d.	.15
BH	Cb 23 Sd	2d.	.15

T U R K E Y

Istanbul 400 (Reported by K. Smith (B), and J.M. Kotler (C-K))

TUNNEL (PLUS ARABIC WRITING)

B o Z	37 CH	(blank)	5.00

TUNEL TALEBE VE E R

C	B Hx Ch	I.E.T.T. Umum Mudurlugu (21mm)	.25

DENIZCILIK BANKASI T.A.O. S.H.I.S. (ARMS)

D	WM 24 Sd	Tam Sehir Hatlari I (full fare)	.25
E	B 25 Ch	" " " II (full fare)	.25
F	Bz 24 Sd	Subay Sehir Hatlari I (military officer)	.25
G	Bz 25 Ch	Er Sehir Hatlari II (soldiers)	.25
H	Bz 24 Sd	Memur Sehir Hatlari I (employee supervisor)	.25
I	WM 25 Ch	Memur Sehir Hatlari II (employee)	.25
J	B 24 Sd	Ogrenci Sehir Hatlari	.25
K	Bz 25 Ch	Ast.Sb.Cvs. Sehir Hatlari II	.25

A U S T R I A (Reported by K. Smith)

Unidentified (apparently elevator-type tokens about 40 years old)

AUFZUG I., DOROTHEERG. 5.

A o B	20 Sd	(blank)(triangle-notch in edge of token)	

AUFZUG A. & B.G.

B o B	20 Sd	(blank)(triangle-notch in edge of token)	

Mr. Capper and I supplied Mr. Nicolosi for his New Issues Service with sets of the Barrows and Prestons listed above, so if you are on his foreign New Issues list you will receive them from him. Mr. Kotler has already supplied the New Issues Service with sets of the Darlington and Istanbul tokens. Next month we shall have more new issues to list, of items which will be supplied to the New Issues Service.

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= DECEMBER PARKING TOKEN SUPPLEMENT TO ATWOOD'S CATALOGUE =

By Duane H. Feisel

ARKANSAS

Little Rock 3480 (Reported by Don Edkins)
ST. VINCENT INFIRMARY PARKING CHECK LITTLE ROCK, ARK.
A B 23 Sd The Charity of Christ Urgeth Us (cross) $0.25
a. (cross on reverse is in outline)
b. (cross on reverse is solid)

CALIFORNIA

Los Angeles 3450 (Reported by J. Douglas Ferguson)
PACIFIC TELEPHONE
X o B 25 Sd Bell System (bell) .25

Santa Ana 3810 (Reported by R.H. Smith)
SANTA ANA FREEWAY CENTER BUILDING
B B 25 Sd 1440 E. First Avenue Santa Ana, California .35

GEORGIA

Marietta 3610 (Reported by Edkins)
515 CAMPBELL HILL ST.
A B 23 Sd Patient Parking .25
a. (5 - T, outside, 12½mm (obverse))
b. (5 - T, outside, 11mm ")
c. (foot on 1 in 515)

ILLINOIS

Chicago 3150 (Reported by Punshon, Edkins, and Mrs. Allen)
ADAMS & DESPLAINES SERVICE STATION
ATo A 31 Sd Good For 1 Parking 1.00
ST. JOSEPH HOSPITAL CHICAGO ILLINOIS
AU B 23 Sd Parking Check .25
DAMEN PIERCE PARKING (GATE)
AV Bz 25 Sd Parcoa Token (gate)(Rev. D) .25
a. (surface is anodized dark)
b. (surface is plain)

De Kalb 3200 (Reported by John Nicolosi and Mrs. Allen)
FIRST NATIONAL BANK IN DE KALB, ILLINOIS
A B 23 Sd Free Customer Parking .25
a. (Obv., bottom of IN alligns bet. D-F; bet. K-S)
b. (Obv., " " " " D; S)

KENTUCKY

Covington 3150 (Reported by Edkins)
BOOTH MEMORIAL COVINGTON, KY.
B B 23 Sd Visitor Parking Token .25

Louisville 3510 (Reported by Edkins)
METHODIST / EVANGELICAL / HOSPITAL
B B 23 Sd Louisville, Kentucky .25
(On 3510 A, obverse wording is arranged on one line)

LOUISIANA

Baton Rouge 3080 (Reported by Mrs. Allen)
BATON ROUGE SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION
C B 23 Sd Parking Token (two stars) .25
(on 3080 A, reverse has a propellor in center)

NEW YORK

Schenectady 3830 (Reported by Edkins)
ELLIS HOSPITAL PARKING
A B 23 Sd (blank) $0.25

Troy 3890 (Reported by DiMichael & Rabinowitz)
TROY S & L ASS'N CO-OPERATIVE
A B 23 Sd (same as obverse) .25

Patterns 3998 (Reported by a non-member)
PARKING CHECK NELSON'S ROME, N.Y.
B B 23 Sd Issued With Purchase Only

NORTH CAROLINA

Raleigh 3660 (Reported by Mrs. Allen)
SALISBURY STREET DECK RALEIGH GOOD FOR 5¢ IN PARKING
C B 23 Sd Wilmington Street Deck Raleigh Put In Meter .15

Rocky Mount 3700 (Reported by Ralph Freiberg)
RICKS / HOTEL / ROCKY MOUNT, N.C.
B o B 23 Sd Guest Parking Token .50
(On 3700 A, wording arranged: RICKS HOTEL / ROCKY MOUNT, / N.C.)

OHIO

Cleveland 3175 (Reported by Larry Freeman and Dr. George Fuld)
CITY OF CLEVELAND PARKING LOT FREE PARKING TOKEN
Q Bz 25 Sd West Side Market Free Parking Token .15

SOUTH CAROLINA

Charleston 3240 (Reported by Edkins)
MEDICAL COLLEGE HOSPITAL
A WM 23 Sd Charleston, S.C. .25

Greenwood 3500 (Reported by Edkins)
SELF MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
A B 23 Sd Greenwood, S.C. .25
a. (Obv., propellor points F; P)
b. (" " " M; P)
c. (" " " between F-M; between S-P)

WASHINGTON

Seattle 3780 (Reported by Edkins)
HALF DOLLAR DIAMOND PARKING SERVICE SINCE 1922
/SAVE 10%. BUY TOKENS (DIAMOND)
I B 30 Sd Park and Lock For Free Parking Ask Your Merchant .50

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Washington 3500 (ex-Unidentified 3036; location by Sherr)
DRS. GAY'S OFFICE (GATE)
D Bz 25 Sd Parcoa Token (gate)(Rev. C) .25

UNIDENTIFIED PARKING TOKENS (Reported by Ferguson, H. Ford, Mrs. Allen, Poirrier)
BANK OF AMERICA TRUST & NATIONAL SAVINGS ASSOCIATION (SHIP)
3037 WM 25 Sd Courtesy Parking
THE BANK OF CALIFORNIA
3038 Bz 25 Sd Courtesy Parking
CENTURY FEDERAL SAVINGS CFS
3039 WM 25 Sd (same as obverse)
DOWNTOWNER PARKING
3040 B 23 Sd Shell (scallop shell)

CANADA - QUEBEC

Miscellaneous 3999 (Reported by H. Don Allen)
C K 25 Sd (as A, but counterstamped ARVIDA)
D WM 25 Sd (as B, " " ")

HOLLAND

Zandvoort 3970 (Reported by Nicolosi and Hazevoet)
HOTEL BOUWES 1 GULDEN ZANDVOORT
A Py 32 Sd Geldig Tijdens Verblijf P Hotel Bouwes $0.25

= PARKING TOKEN NOTES BY DUANE H. FEISEL =

Work on the new catalogue is progressing, however slowly it seems. Most of the photographic work is done, and the cooperation of a number of collectors in lending scarce tokens for photography is appreciated. Something new is being tried in picturing the tokens in the catalogue, and if it works we shall have extensive depiction of tokens. This is something fairly involved, and it all depends on what the printing firm is able to provide. My schedule has been set back waiting to see what develops from the printers on this, although preparation of pages has started.

This month we have a large listing of new tokens as I am cleaning up many of the reports on hand even though many lack information regarding usage.

The Little Rock token usage began in 1963. The two varieties are distinctly different.

The Pacific Telephone tokens were reportedly discontinued "some time ago," and "records indicate all tokens have been destroyed." The tokens were apparently used to gain exit from a parking lot for company trucks.

The appearance of the Santa Ana token in a second metal suggests the possibility of two different usages. Reportedly a token or 35¢ in coin will activate the parking lot gate.

The tokens from Marietta, Ga., are reportedly used by the Teem Clinic and the Kennestone Hospital there, probably to provide free parking for patients at a commercial lot.

Information is lacking for all of the Illinois tokens. Considerable effort on the Adams & Desplaines token has turned up nothing concrete except that the tokens must have been used earlier than 10 years ago.

No information has been received on the Covington, Ky., token. The Louisville report concerns a variation in the placement of the wording (the A token was reported in November.)

Some of you were understandable confused by the report of a D token from Baton Rouge before a C token was listed. The token listed this month takes care of that anomaly.

In New York State no information is on hand for either the Schenectady piece or the Troy piece. The pattern token is being listed this way rather than from Rome as the management of Nelson's store had no knowledge of the token, and they suggested that is may have been a pattern.

The token token from Raleigh is a puzzle since it is the same size as the B token reported in February, 1965, and is used at the same location, but the denomination is different; no explanation has been given by the manager of the parking facility.

When use of the Polaroid close-up camera (which the AVA has since purchased) was being demonstrated, photos were made of several tokens including NC 3700 A. When these photos were circulated among officers and members of the Catalogue Committee to illustrate what could be accomplished with the equipment, Ralph Freiberg noted the difference in tokens which is reported here.

The new City of Cleveland token is being used at a public parking lot near a shopping center which has a building in which about 40 meat delaers are located and an outdoor space for about 100 fresh fruit and vegetable dealers.

No information from Charleston, S.C. At Self Memorial Hospital token use began in 1963 to permit doctors and employees to gain free exit from the gate-controlled hospital lot.

The new Seattle token was put in use on 11/15/65. Use of tokens by Diamond Park-

ing has been previously described.

Little information is available on the Washington, D.C., token except that it has been in use for two years. Both specimens of this token that I have examined had had the edges filed; reason unknown, if there actually is a reason.

The first two of the unidentified tokens are undoubtedly from California, but the exact locations of usage are unknown. Hopefully someone will come up with the right story before the new catalogue is ready. The third unidentified was found in the Chicago area, and the other in Louisiana.

The personal parking tokens of H.D. Allen have been counterstamped with the city of his new residence. The WM piece is available by mail from Mr. Allen; the K piece can only be obtained in person.

Mr. Hazevoet provides the following information on our first European parking token: "On July 10, 1960, Hotel Bouwes, a large and rather expensive hotel in Zandvoort started using tokens for the parking of cars of the guests of the hotel and its restaurant. When parking your car on the parking lot you now have to buy one token for each passenger in the car. During a stay in the hotel or restaurant you can pay the bill with these tokens." The translation of the reverse inscription is "valid during stay."

Other parking tokens are apparently in use throughout Europe as information has been received on six locations where parking tokens are used: 3 in France, 2 in Germany, 1 in Belgium. Mr. Hazevoet mentions that there may be another token from Holland. So our hobby of parking tokens has rapidly taken an international flavor!

Some of the best news has been saved until last. Through the courtesy of city officials in Rochester, N.Y., the tokens listed as NY 3780 A are now available to collectors. It has taken a long while and quite a bit of effort to reach this state, and it is hoped that collectors will not abuse this privilege. A supply of the tokens has been purchased for members of PTNIS. The tokens may be obtained directly by sending 50¢ in coin per token, plus a stamped self-addressed envelope, to Mr. George W. Wagner, Deputy Comptroller, City of Rochester, 24 City Hall, Rochester, N.Y. 14614. This token is not going to be acarce as 2,400 pieces are available, but this is the only way to get one for your collection. Thanks to Mr. Wagner and Mrs. Isobel Powers City Treasurer, for this Christmas present to collectors!

Because of my continued efforts on the new catalogue the situation for members of PTNIS has been mixed up this month. Included in the shipment made earlier in December were Ky 3510 B (rather than A as suggested in November), Ohio 3175 Q to some persons to the extent of the supply on hand (more are expected for those who did not receive this piece), and Wash 3780 I. The only token on hand to be sent out soon after the first of the year to PTNIS members is NY 3780 A--although money has been sent out for some of the other tokens reported this month, but so far supplies of them haven't been received. Openings are still available in PTNIS.

Now is the time to clean up the slate on any tokens that have not been reported. One token unreported, but supplied to PTNIS members, is that from Tyrone, Pa. A city code number was lacking for this piece or it would have been listed this month. Please report new tokens to:

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= TEXAS COLLECTORS TO GATHER AT DALLAS =

John Clymer and Maurice Murdock have decided it is high time to organize a regional club for transportation token collectors in Texas. An organizational meeting will be held on January 29 at John Clymer's home, 2914 Nicholson Drive, Dallas. There will be refreshments and lots of token talk. Current plans call for quarterly meetings, but this will be up to the group assembled. So if you live in Texas, by all means plan to attend this interesting gathering. But if you do plan to be there, please communicate with Mr. Clymer (at the above address), or with Mr. Murdock, at P.O. Box 411, Mesquite, Texas -- so that they can know about how many people to expect.

BY MONTHLY ISSUES, as follows.....